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of the  
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE  
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November 3, 1966

The One Hundred Forty-First Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches, an Acting Association of the United Church of Christ, met with the Hines Chapel United Church of Christ, McLeansville, North Carolina, November 3, 1966.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Dr. Robert M. Kimball, at 9:50 a.m. and was led in worship by the host pastor, Rev. Thomas Madren. Following the service of worship, Rev. Madren welcomed the Conference to the Hines Chapel Church and called attention to this day as being the first anniversary of their new Sanctuary. The President expressed appreciation to the church for their cordial welcome, for providing the necessary facilities for entertaining the Conference with special reference to the beauty and worshipful atmosphere of the new Sanctuary. The President appointed the Reverend John Permar as Song Leader and the Reverend Dan Jones as organist for the Conference Session.

The roll call of ministers and churches was made and a quorum was found present. The total enrollment of the Conference included 35 ordained ministers, 2 Licentiates and 104 delegates, alternates and visitors representing 36 of the 52 churches of the Conference. The enrollment was as follows:

**MINISTERIAL ENROLLMENT**

**ORDAINED MINISTERS:** Mark Andes, Charles Bell, Winfred Bray, Avery Brown, Martin Fogleman, Allen Hurdle, Richard Jackson, Dan Jones, Robert Kimball, Bland Leebrick, James Lightbourne, Paul Limbert, John Littiken, Thomas Madren, Richard Muse, John Permar, Richard Petersen, Odell Powell, Kenneth Register, W. A. Rich, Richard Rinker, James Rosser, John Schofield, W. W. Sloan, H. S. Smith, W. W. Snyder, Lester Stanley, W. R. Stevenson, Eugene Tally, John Truitt, Sr., Guy Veazey, Mack Welch, Milton Wilder, W. E. Wisseman.

**LICENTIATES:** Jerry Moore, Dolan Talbert, John Wilder.

## CHURCHES, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, VISITORS

- APPLE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. John Troutman, Mrs. Max Elmore, R. M. Murrell,  
Mrs. Ann McIntyre.
- ASHEVILLE—
- BELEW CREEK—Mrs. Jack L. Flinchum, Mrs. Preston Murray.
- BEREA—
- BETHEL—Mrs. Banks Garrison
- BETHLEHEM—Carl Sutton, Mrs. L. H. Gilliam, Wilson Kernodle, Mrs.  
Shirley Talbert, Miss Jamima Sutton, Mrs. W. T. Madren, L. H. Gilliam.
- BEVERLY HILLS—Mrs. Zeb Lynch, Zeb Lynch, Mrs. Jay R. Crutchfield.
- BURLINGTON, FIRST—Cletus Hinshaw, Mrs. Robert M. Kimball, Mrs. L. F.  
Smith, Mrs. Harold Ingle, Mrs. W. W. Horne, Mrs. C. L. Hinshaw.
- EDGEWOOD UNITED—Felix Simmons.
- LAKEVIEW—Mrs. Jerry Moore
- CAROLINA—R. J. Massey, Mrs. Russell Taylor, Ida Trollinger, R. Russell  
Taylor.
- CONCORD—Mrs. Allen Tate, Mrs. M. L. Fogleman, Miss Margaret Minor.
- DANVILLE—
- DURHAM—Mrs. Edgar Brock, Mrs. W. G. Austin, Mrs. W. B. Wundram.
- ELK SPUR—
- ELON COLLEGE—Mrs. G. H. Veazey, Bob Baxter, Mrs. R. N. Rinker, W. B.  
Terrell, Mrs. J. E. Danieleley, Mrs. W. W. Snyder.
- GIBSONVILLE—
- GREENSBORO, CALVARY
- GREENSBORO, FIRST—Dorothy M. Ballinger, W. W. Tate.
- GREENSBORO, PALM STREET—Mrs. C. M. Floyd, Mrs. James R. Priddy,  
R. S. Yarbrough, Doyle A. Murchiron
- GREENSBORO, ST. PETER'S—
- HAPPY HOME—
- HAW RIVER—Lynn Bason, H. Karl Bason.
- HEBRON—Lucile Welch.
- HENDERSONVILLE—
- HINES CHAPEL—Mrs. Thomas Madren, E. W. Kellam.
- HOPEDALE—Mrs. Lester Stanley, Mrs. Johnny E. Long.
- HOWARD'S CHAPEL—
- INGRAM—
- KELLAM'S GROVE—
- LEBANON—
- LIBERTY—Mrs. Lacy Ragsdale, Myrtle Bray.
- LONG'S CHAPEL—Odell King, Mrs. Odell King.
- LYNCHBURG—
- MEBANE—
- MONTICELLO—Mrs. Phillip Lambert, Mrs. Walter Snowa.
- MT. BETHEL—Lillie Phibbs.
- MT. ZION—Peggy Riley, Eloise Wilder.
- NEW LEBANON—Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Webb, Carrie Sharpe, Mrs. Clyde  
Overby, Mrs. C. C. Griffin, Mrs. John Permar, Jessie Sharpe, Mrs. J. M.  
Webb.
- PARKWAY UNITED—Mrs. Edwin H. Kinney.
- PFAFFTOWN—

PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. Charles Bell, Mrs. Mary McDonell, Kathryn Satterfield.  
 PLEASANT RIDGE—H. B. Nelson.  
 PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL—John Littiken.  
 REIDSVILLE—Bessie Clapp, Mrs. John Dockery, Mrs. Maude Beackwall, Mrs. Margaret Smith.  
 ROCKY FORD—  
 SALEM CHAPEL—Mrs. Grace Myers.  
 SHALLOW FORD—H. H. Zimmerman, Mrs. H. H. Zimmerman, Mrs. A. G. Penley, Mrs. Mable Barber, Mrs. C. T. Isley, W. E. Walker, Mrs. W. E. Walker.  
 SOUTH BOSTON, CENTER—  
 TRYON—  
 UNION RIDGE, (NC)—Mrs. H. H. Chandler, J. Horace Rascoe, Mrs. W. P. Mahan.  
 UNION (VA)—Ream Long, Marshall L. Norwood, Jr.  
 ZION—

The prepared program for the Conference was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Robert Baxter. It was moved and carried that it be adopted with any changes that the Conference might deem necessary to make.

The Committee on Finance, which was appointed by the President to serve for the day was: Rev. Dan Jones, Rev. Milton Wilder and Mrs. W. W. Snyder.

Recognition of new pastors and visitors was made by Dr. Clyde Fields, Eastern North Carolina Area Minister. New pastors now serving churches in the Conference are: Walter Snowa and Martin Fogleman. Dr. Fields also welcomed back to the Conference ministers who had served churches for a period in other Conferences but had returned. They were: Avery Brown, Harry Mathis, Bland Leebrick and Charles Bell. Dr. Fields introduced Rev. Edwin M. Alcorn, Western North Carolina Area Minister, Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister, Dr. Fletcher C. Lester, and Dr. William T. Scott. The motion was made by Dr. Fields, and it was voted, that all visitors be given the privilege of voting or speaking as necessary.

The Conference speaker, Dr. Fletcher C. Lester, was introduced by Dr. Robert M. Kimball. Dr. Lester spoke regarding his tour of Mission Stations of the United Church of Christ around the world. Dr. and Mrs. Lester were sent by the Board of World Ministries of the United Church of Christ, as Ambassadors of Good Will to visit the areas in which our Mission Stations were located. Their purpose was to determine what difference the church made in these areas. They consulted with 153 of the 522 missionaries of the United Church of Christ serving around the world and visited 78 of the churches. In the time allotted he gave to the Conference a bird's eye view of what he saw and the testimony of people in all walks of life as to what difference the church had made and was making in the lives of people. He spoke briefly on the three most important endeavors that the church was greatly handicapped because of the lack of funds and the willingness of personnel to service. These three things were: To feed the hungry, to heal the sick, and to provide education. Dr. Lester concluded his address by saying

the only saving power of the world today is the uniting of the forces of the church for the lifting of mankind, which only the church can do.

The following reports were given: World Ministries by Rev. Richard M. Petersen in absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Register.

Rev. Richard Rinker, Conference Minister of Christian Education, reported on the work of his responsibility in connection with Christian Education in the Southern Conference, which includes the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. He called attention to opportunities for lifting the level of Church School instruction within the local church, the opportunities for young people of our church to participate in Youth Camps, travel seminars, and work projects. Also the available material for use in Youth Organizations and by parents in the home with their own children. He stressed the importance of the church keeping in touch with our young people as they leave the community for such as College and the Armed Services.

The report of Elon College was given by Mr. Robert Baxter, Director of Development at the College, in the absence of Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President. He called attention to the increase in students, the new buildings that have been completed during the year by the help of the churches who participated in the Diamond Anniversary Fund Campaign. He also pointed out that the next building to be erected would be a new library in the near future.

The report for the Home for Children and the Committee on Health and Welfare was given by Dr. W. W. Snyder, Superintendent of the Home. He called attention to the number of children the Home was providing for—70 boys and girls, 3 in foster care, and 5 in extended care, and two in higher education, (one in Elon College and one in North Carolina State) making a total of 80 children. He reported on the success of the Day Care Program that the Home is providing. Also that the Home was moving fast in the direction of a Treatment Center, since more children are coming to the Home with greater problems than ever before.

The above reports were received by vote of the Conference to be made a part of the Conference records. They are found in the exhibits.

Rev. Winfred Bray spoke in regards to the proposed Associations to be formed within the boundries of the Southern Conference. His report was based upon the work of Study Groups designated by each of the four Conferences that comprised the Southern Convention of the United Church of Christ. He called attention to the fact that if the proposed plan for the formation of Associations to replace the now existing Conference should be voted this would mean that the boundary lines of Conferences would be changed. Instead of four organizations of churches, there would be three, comprising more churches, covering a larger geographical area. These three organizations would take the place of the four Conferences and would be referred to as Associations of the Southern Conference. The North Carolina and Virginia Conference would be a part of the Eastern North Carolina Association. Following the report by Rev. Bray a proposed constitution for Associations was given to each delegate and visitor for reading during the lunch recess,



and to take back to the local church for study. The proposed Constitution contained further explanations of Rev. Bray's report. The action taken by the Conference in regards to the formation of the Association of the Southern Conference is contained in the Executive Report of these minutes. Also the proposed constitution that was submitted.

Dr. James Lightbourne, Jr., brought greetings from the Southern Conference and gave the grace for the noon meal.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference was reconvened at 1:15 by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Robert Baxter, with the singing of a hymn and being led in prayer by Rev. Walter Snowa.

A panel on the Constitution for the proposed Association was led by Dr. Clyde Fields, Eastern Area Minister, and Rev. Edwin Alcorn, Western Area Minister, for the purpose of explanation of any part of the Constitution that was not clear as a result of the first reading by the delegates, and to answer any question in connection with the proposed formation of Associations. It was made clear that this Conference now in session was not to vote on this Constitution or on the formation of an Association. This would be done at a later date as indicated in the Executive Committee report.

The following reports were given: The Executive by Rev. Richard M. Petersen. The following amendment to the report was read by Rev. Thomas Madren for the Executive Committee: "I move that we approve in principle the plan for the formation of Associations of the Southern Conference and authorize the Executive Committee to take the necessary actions on behalf of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference leading to the formation of the new Associations, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to call such meetings of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference as may be necessary until the new Associations are formed, and all legal matters settled." There was a second to this motion and it was voted. The report as amended is found in the exhibits.

Rev. Kenneth Register reported for the Committee on Church and Ministry. Last minute changes were noted and included, or corrected in the printed report. A motion was made that the report be adopted. The motion was seconded and voted.

Rev. Dan Jones reported for the Committee on Evangelism. The motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and voted.

Rev. Thomas Madren reported for the Committee on Stewardship and OCFM. The motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and voted.

Rev. Richard Jackson reported for the Committee on Social Action. He made the motion that the printed report be taken back to the local churches for study and action. The motion was seconded and voted.

There was no report from the Committee on Church Extension as no church had been formed.

Rev. Mark Andes reported for the Committee on Worship. He moved the report be adopted. Seconded and carried.

The report of the Committee on Higher Education was adopted. There was no report from the Committee on Lay Life and Work.

Mrs. Thomas Madren reported for the Women's Fellowship. A motion was made that the report be received to record. Seconded and carried.

There was no report from the Churchmen's Fellowship.

Mr. Robert Baxter reported for the Church Builder's Club. He stressed the need of a deeper interest and a larger active participation in the Club by individuals and organizations of the Church. There is no printed report in these minutes. The oral report was adopted by vote of the Conference.

The report for the Treasurer was given by Rev. Richard M. Petersen in the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Tom Earp. The motion was made that the report be referred to the Committee on Finance. Seconded and voted.

The report for the Committee on Memoirs was given by Dr. John G. Truitt, Sr. Motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and voted.

The report of the Historical Committee, upon motion, in absence of the Chairman, Mrs. T. H. Mackintosh, was adopted. A motion being made, seconded and voted.

In the business session that followed reports were given and adopted. The Committee on Resolutions by Rev. John Schofield. The Committee on Budget and Finance by Rev. Dan Jones. Report of the Nominations Committee by Rev. Guy Veazey.

An invitation was extended to the Conference to meet with the Haw River United Church of Christ for the next meeting of the Conference.

A motion was made by the minister of the Haw River United Church of Christ, Rev. James Rosser, for the Trustees of the above church to give to the church the power to dispose of the old church property by sale, since it is no longer in use, due to the fact that they have relocated in Haw River and have completed a new church and educational plant which they are now using. The motion was seconded and voted that the Executive Committee of the Conference be given the necessary power to take the proper steps in co-operation with the Haw River United Church of Christ, to dispose of the old church property.

All reports are to be found in the Exhibits.

A motion was made and carried that the President and the Secretary be authorized to complete and edit the minutes of the Conference and that the official minutes be printed in the Annual, and that the Conference purchase two hundred (200) copies of same for pro-rata distribution among the churches. It was moved and carried that the Conference be adjourned following a service of Licensure.

A service of Licensure was conducted by the President, Dr. Robert M. Kimball for Rev. Jerry Moore, now serving as Pastor of the Lakeview

United Church of Christ. He was presented by the Chairman of the Committee on Church and Ministry, Rev. Kenneth Register.

The One Hundred Forty-First Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference was adjourned by prayer led by the Reverend Robert M. Kimball.

Robert M. Kimball, President  
Richard M. Petersen, Secretary

## **NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Children's Ministry:** Vacation Church School Workshops were held at Burlington, Greensboro, and Chapel Hill in April of 1966, reaching the churches of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference (acting association). These workshops were shared enterprises with the other two members of the Southern Conference family (former Convention of the South and the Southern Synod). Similar workshops for Vacation Church School workers will be held under the auspices of the Christian Education Committee of the Southern Conference in 1967, probably during the weeks of May 7 and 14.

**Youth Ministry:** Rallies have been held in the fall and spring for the Pilgrim Fellowship groups of this conference. The latest was at Durham on Sunday, October 30.

Participation in the camp/conference program at Moonelon Center has been good, both by adult leaders and young people. More adults are needed, however, particularly as we anticipate larger enrollments in 1967. Camps and conferences will be promoted together for the three centers of the Southern Conference next year, which means a total of seventeen weeks of camping for young people.

Planning has begun to form one youth organization for the Southern Conference. There shall be two committees at work on this: The **Youth Forum Committee** will work toward a weekend Forum at Elon College on the weekend of June 23-25. The **Organizational Committee** will be meeting at Franklinton Center November 19 to discuss possibilities and begin working out details for reorganization. Representatives on this committee from this Conference will be: Nancy Alexander, Greensboro; Miss Blanche Warren, Greensboro; and one other young person yet to be chosen.

**Adult Ministry:** Work with adults has been shared with the Lay Life and Work Committee, mainly through spiritual life retreats and training opportunities for missions education. Additional help has been given in the area in special adult study projects.

Note should be made of the **Family Life Camp** to be held at Moonelon next summer, led by the Rev. Walter E. Dobler of our national Division of Christian Education staff. The dates: July 30 - August 5.

In addition to the above three areas, work is being done with local churches as they evaluate their Christian education programs. Christian Education Associates have been invited to local churches to present ideas and helpful suggestions for improvement. Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Conference Minister of Christian Education, is on call for any church wishing to grow in their educational ministry.

One consultation has been held, and a second is planned for mid-November (the 11th) to discuss needs and possibilities for bringing together administrative area Christian Education Committees to begin functioning cooperatively. At this second consultation in Durham, representatives of the three judicatories will have a chance to get together by areas and discuss steps toward working together in educational ventures.

Churches are urged to keep in contact with their young people who leave for college or the armed forces. Names and addresses of these young people may be sent to the Minister of Christian Education for inclusion in mailings which will be going out to them. Of primary concern are the orientation provided for our young people as they leave their homes and communities, and the vocational possibilities of which they need to be made aware.

Members of your conference who are serving on the Southern Conference Christian Education Committee are: Mrs. H. Winfred Bray and Miss Dorothy Ballinger.

Respectfully,  
Richard N. Rinker

## **NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

### **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee has endeavored to transact the routine and special business relating to Conference to the best Conference interest since the Fall meeting in 1965. Meetings with leaders from the other Conference groups have also been held in regards to the proposed formation of Associations of the Southern Conference.

The Standing Committees of the Conference were appointed to parallel those of the Southern Conference. Appreciation is expressed to each individual who accepted the appointment and to the Committees appointed for assuming the responsibilities of their group in the total program of the Conference. Each Committee was reminded that it might incur expenses for such as postage, supplies and travel, not to exceed twenty-five (\$25) dollars total.

The Committee accepted the resignation of Dr. W. J. Andes as Chairman of the Committee on the Ministry which he had held for a good number of years. His resignation was accepted with regret due to his dedicated and superior leadership which he gave. Rev. Kenneth Register was appointed by the committee to fulfill the unexpired term of Dr. Andes.

Your Executive Committee was empowered by the Conference in 1965



session to serve as a study committee, meeting with study committees from other Acting Associations within the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ to consider a formation of new associations within the Southern Conference. Two such meetings were held and as a result the following recommendations are made:

"That we approve in principle the plan for the formation of the Associations of the Southern Conference and authorize the Executive Committee to take the necessary actions on behalf of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference leading to the formation of the new Associations. Also that the Executive Committee be authorized to call such meetings of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference as may be necessary until the new Associations are formed and all legal matters settled.

The Committee approved the requests of the following churches to negotiate loans encumbering the church property: Beverly Hills United Church of Burlington to borrow one hundred forty-five (\$145) thousand dollars for the construction of a new educational building; Shallow Ford United Church of Elon to borrow Seventy-five (\$75) thousand dollars for the construction of a new sanctuary.

Your committee approved the action taken and the recommendations made by the Committee on the Ministry as embodied in that report.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kimball  
Robert Baxter, Jr.

Winfred Bray  
Thomas Madren

Kenneth Register  
Richard Petersen

## **NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

### **REPORT ON CHURCH AND MINISTRY**

We, your Committee on Church and Ministry, along with the approval of the Executive Committee, would make the following recommendations:

1. That the following ordained ministers be received:

Walter Scott Snowa, from the Potomac Association of the Central Atlantic Conference;

Avery Brown, from the Western North Carolina Acting Association of Southern Conference;

Harry Mathis, from the Eastern North Carolina Acting Association of Southern Conference;

Martin L. Fogleman, from the Eastern North Carolina Acting Association of Southern Conference;

2. That the following ordained ministers be transferred:

Weldon Madren to the Southern Synod Acting Association of Southern Conference;

Donald Sledge to the Southern Synod Acting Association of Southern Conference;

William J. Andes to the Georgia-South Carolina Acting Association of the Southeast Conference;

Roy D. Coulter's standing be placed in the Southern Synod Acting Association Southern Conference.

3. That the license of the following be continued:

Louis Wilkins                      James N. Biggerstaff                      Dolan Talbert

These men are to continue as licensed ministers with the privilege of administering the Sacraments and Rites of the Church in their local churches, unless otherwise determined by your Committee and your Executive Committee.

4. That David A. Andes be dropped from our roll of those "in care of Conference" and that he be recommended to the Georgia South Carolina Acting Association of the Southeast Conference.

5. That the following be continued "in care of the Conference":

Percy W. Benton, Jr., a student at Elon College and student pastor at Zion Church;

Charles Norville Gross, a student at Hartford Seminary;

Johnny Massey, a student at Elon College;

Lynn Ogburn, a student at Greensboro College;

George Phillips, supply pastor at Mebane Church;

Eddy Walker, a student at Western High School;

Ronnie Warren, a student at Elon College;

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tyndall, public school teachers;

Albert B. Gminder, a teacher at Elon College.

6. That Jerry Moore, a graduate of Elon College, student at Duke Divinity School and student pastor at Lakeview, be licensed to preach at this fall meeting of the Acting Association and that he be given the privilege of administering the sacraments in the church which he is serving.
7. That Worden J. Updyke, a licentiate from the Oneida Association of the New York State Conference, be received as a licentiate in the North Carolina and Virginia Acting Association of the Southern Conference.
8. That your Committee on the Ministry and your Executive Committee be authorized to license or ordain, after proper examination, several of the above college and seminary students upon graduation from their respective schools.

Respectfully:

Kenneth D. Register

John G. Truitt, Sr.

H. Winfred Bray

Richard L. Jackson

John S. Graves

James H. Overton

## NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

### EVANGELISM REPORT

This committee has met twice this year in full session and once for a conference. The members of this committee have discussed and worked at this matter of evangelism among themselves also.

The chairman arranged for a meeting to be held January 31 of this year in order to get an early start in our work, but heavy snow prevented this meeting from being held. The date of February 28 was the next day open to us and this was the time of our first meeting. It was held in the Southern Conference Office at Elon. At this meeting the matter of the philosophy, method, and overall results of various types of evangelism were discussed and appraised. It was further agreed that we should arrange to have Dr. Thor Hall, Associate Professor of Preaching at Duke University Divinity School, speak to the ministers of this conference on evangelism at the earliest date that could be arranged.

On May 4, Dr. Hall met with about twenty ministers of this conference at the Elon College Community Church. The meeting lasted from four o'clock until after nine. Dr. Hall gave two lectures entitled, "The Word." After the first lecture followed by a period of questions and answers, we recessed for supper. The second lecture was then given and another period of questions and answers followed. All ministers who participated seemed to feel that this was helpful and the lectures inspiring. The regret of the committee was that so few ministers from the Southern Conference participated. The meeting had been publicized in advance and all Southern Conference Ministers were welcome. The response of the ministers of our own North Carolina-Virginia Conference was somewhat disappointing too. These two lectures are in mimeographed form and a copy may be had by contacting either Dr. Hall at Duke or the chairman of the Committee. The cost is one dollar per copy.

Several things have stood out in the talks and discussions of this committee:

1. All Christians are evangelists, meaning that they must witness to the good news of the Gospel.
2. That all of our ministers should consider evangelism as the theme of their ministry, viz. telling others the good news of what God in Christ has done for us and seeking commitments to our Lord from those who hear.
3. That more workshops on Evangelism be planned, promoted, and carried out for the ministers.

It is the feeling of this committee that the lack of zeal in Evangelism is not due to a lack of knowledge as to its importance. Nor does it lie in an ignorance of methods. Rather, it lies in a failing to get on with the job. Other things are allowed to sap our time, thought, and energy. The zeal for evangelism, with a knowledge of what it is and how to do it can be gained only by study, prayer, and a self-sacrificing commitment to doing our Lord's work. There is no substitute for these things. In the measure that we fail here we fail in evangelism. In the measure that we fail in evangelism we fail in

obedience and service to our Lord. God grant that the new year shall find us all more committed to this common yet glorious task of evangelizing than we have ever been before.

Dolan A. Talbert  
Bill Mahan  
Prof. Gminder  
Mack V. Welch  
D. W. Jones, Jr., Chairman

## **REPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The committee on Higher Education has not met officially. However, the members of this committee have maintained an interest and active relationship with the colleges of our Conference. The Chairman of this committee represented the committee at the Welcoming Dinner for all the students of Elon College who are members of the United Church of Christ given by the Women's Fellowship of First Christian Church, Burlington, N. C.

The committee members have been receiving the Council for Higher Education Journal published by the United Church of Christ.

John H. Williams, Chairman

## **NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE STEWARDSHIP AND O.C.W.M.**

First of all, special word of recognition should be given to local churches which make attempts in re-thinking their Stewardship and Budget emphasis in the life of their church. Such an opportunity was given recently by Conference leadership and the following churches participated in Area Workshops during September: Carolina, Center, South Boston, Bethlehem, Burlington First, Beverly Hills, Bethel, Concord, Durham, Edgewood, Elon College, Haw River, Hines Chapel, Happy Home, Mt. Zion, Monticello, Parkway, Palm Street, St. Peter's, Shallow Ford, Union Ridge.

We commend these churches as well as others who, on their own, attempt to create a healthy atmosphere of Christian stewardship and the wider mission of the Church in the world in the name of Christ.

We commend also the local churches that have participated in the Special Fall Offering appeal, and the five point program it covers: Indian Neighbors, Service men in Korea and Vietnam, Small Church leadership, Neighbors in slums, for schools, home and health and Refugees from Cuba as neighbors in Florida. Other appeals such as One Great Hour of Sharing, SOS and local mission projects are to be a vital part of our Church Program.

We must remember Breakthrough, and if any of the vital areas of need reflected here are to be served by the United Church of Christ we must breakthrough the Basic Support goals to a call farther beyond.



The main activity of the committee has been its representation by the Chairman on the Stewardship Committee of The Southern Conference. Here we have tried to correlate the work of the Churches of this Acting Association with those of corresponding areas that make up the total work of our Conference.

The Committee has been called into session only once and this session was held in the recent days prior to Conference to consider specific dollar goals for OCWM Basic Support and other possible recommendations.

In cooperation with the total Stewardship work of the Southern Conference your Chairman recommends the following:

1. That every local Church through its Stewardship or Budget Committee, Board of Finance or some equal committee, continue to study and provide the best leadership and education for the local church possible.

2. That we take advantage of the Stewardship helps available from the Stewardship Council as well as the Conference Office, along with local and area workshops to the best information of our people.

3. That every church consider the OCWM Basic Support by the Stairway of Progress, seriously selecting a percentage of giving to the wider mission of Christ in ratio to the local spending. Our recommendations are that no church do less than last year; all churches giving less than 5% take an increase to the 5% level; Churches between 5% and 10% be increased to 10%, and all others have as a minimum goal the same percentage as of last year, but on this years current expenses. Also, we recommend that a challenge goal of the next step on the Stairway of Progress be put before all the churches for acceptance. In all cases, we call on the churches to make a declaration of their intentions as to the goal accepted.

As your chairman and representative to the Southern Conference Committee, I stand ready to serve you in any way. Please write or inform me of any needs you have in Stewardship and OCWM Education in which I may assist.

Thomas W. Madren, Chairman

For the Stewardship and OCWM  
Committee:

W. E. Wisseman  
R. Eugene Tally  
J. Lester Stanley  
Felix C. Simmons  
Marsh McLelland

## **NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

### **SOCIAL ACTION REPORT**

“Christian Social Action” according to the Manual for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ “is the effort of the church to fulfill its

mission by seeking God's will for human relationships as revealed in Jesus Christ; by studying social structures in the community, state, nation and world; by evaluating social practices from the perspective of this understanding; and by working with others to influence economic, racial, political and international relationships in the light of Christian faith."

Christian social action is man's response to God's gracious action in Jesus Christ. In gratitude and love the responsible Christian seeks to share with all men the blessings of the Gospel. This involves not only preaching the Word but the transformation of human life in all its aspects into the kingdom of God.

1. The Conference Committee on Social Action recommends to the churches that they encourage their people to acquaint themselves with the issues and problems of the community in which they are located as well as with those of the state, the nation and the world. It is the responsibility of the churches to help people understand the issues that confront us at the present time and to help discover Christian solutions to world problems. Through sermons, study groups, special meetings, tours and community involvement our members should be led to a deeper understanding of the issues and be made aware of proposed Christian solutions.

The following areas should receive consideration:

- a. Education
- b. Social welfare including problems of youth, aging, etc.
- c. Race and Cultural Relations
- d. Economic Life
- e. International relations
- f. Citizenship (voting, political life, etc.)

2. We recommend that each church in the conference be encouraged to organize a social action committee to accept responsibility for carrying on this work.

3. We recommend that each church secure a copy of the Social Action Tool Chest (\$2 from the Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102) for use in carrying out its social action program.

4. We recommend that during the coming year the Social Action Committee of the Conference make available opportunities to consider these issues and problems on an area basis.

5. We recommend that the churches endorse and participate in the Peace Priority Program as recommended by Dr. Herbst and the Executive Council of the United Church which calls for a rededication of all Christians to the cause of world peace.

6. We recommend that all congregations become involved through study and action in the struggle against poverty. Churches should help their members to become aware of the problems of poverty through personal acquaintance, visitation interviews, and study programs with a view to involvement in remedial action. Church people should be encouraged to cooperate in com-

munity projects providing job counselling, job training, and job placement, utilizing resources of private industry and government as may be appropriate. Local Churches should also make a special effort to reach the poor and involve them in the total life of the church.

7. We encourage the members of our conference to take advantage of opportunities to participate in tours (United Nations, Washington, Overseas, etc.) to gain new insights into domestic and international problems in order that they may become better informed, more responsible citizens.

The Christian Social Action Committee,

Richard L. Jackson, Chairman

John Littiken

James L. Rosser

Mrs. Clyde Graham

## NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

### COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP

The Committee on Worship for the North Carolina and Virginia Acting Association did not have a meeting during this year. The chairman anticipated a meeting of the Southern Conference Committee on Worship, but no call came from that Committee. This report reflects the ideas of the Chairman only.

First, the material resources for worship are almost without limit. The Commission on Worship of the United Church of Christ has produced a booklet entitled, "The Lord's Day Service with Explanatory Notes." Any local church or individual would profit from a study of this booklet. A helpful consideration of the facets of worship is presented through Robert T. Fauth's book, WHEN WE WORSHIP. If you need help in the interpretation of symbols used in your church, Friederich Rest's book OUR CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS is valuable. The United Church Bookstore catalogue lists many other such helps in an understanding and the enrichment of the worship experience.

Secondly, the cycle of the church year will give a well rounded presentation of the Gospel and its claims upon human life. The first part of the church year begins with the Advent Season on November 27, followed by Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. The second part of the year follows Pentecost and is often called the Trinity Season, a time in which the church thinks of its work and mission in the world and of man's response to God through commitment.

Again, careful consideration should be given to the music in worship. We learn and affirm much of our theology or beliefs through the hymns we sing.

For this and other reasons the hymns should be chosen carefully—for the words as well as the music! I glanced at a few hymns—or songs—in a so-called hymnbook used in public worship, and here are some phrases that set forth fantastic ideas:

"I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings, and vie with Gabriel while he sings . . . "

"Though destruction walk around us, Though the arrows past us fly;  
Angel-guards from thee surround us. We are safe if Thou art nigh!  
(God surely does desert a lot of people on the highways!)

"The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide  
A shelter in the time of storm.  
Secure whatever ill betide . . . "

The raging storms may round us beat . . .  
We'll never leave our safe retreat . . . "

And this is what the church has done on far too many occasions!

Contrast the above lines with the following:

"Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation . . ."

"Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and soul and mind and strength  
To serve the King of kings."

Let us therefore study our hymns and what they say before we elect to sing them. Many of the hymns we sing in public worship are nothing but jungle jazz with a god scattered through them to make them sound faintly religious.

Mark W. Andes, Chairman  
Committee on Worship

## REPORT ON MEMOIRS

Your committee on Memoirs is pleased to report that during the year we have had no deaths within our ministerial ranks.

John G. Truitt, Chairman

## NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

The theme for the Women's Fellowship is "**The Christian's Mission in an Age of Dilemmas.**" The theme has presented a challenge to all women.

Our Treasurer reports that our total receipts for the year are an increase over last year's receipts. There were 62 Life Memberships and 30 Memorials given during the year. The money given for these will be used to help build "The Rec-Nic House" at Moonelon Conference Center. There is still a need for about \$500.00 to complete this project.

Only three of our districts had Spring Rallies this year. Mrs. Robert Williams was the speaker for these.



The Council for Lay Life and Work sponsored Area Workshops in July and Spiritual Retreats in the Fall. The speakers for the Fall retreats were The Reverend George Nishimoto and Mrs. F. C. Lester.

An organization meeting of the Women of the Southern Conference will be held in Burlington on November 12, 1966.

The North Carolina Women's Fellowship Board met and voted to go on record as willing to undergird the work of the new conference, helping in its new organization, turning over any records that will be of any value in the work of the new organization of the Women of the Southern Conference. The President sent out letters to all Fellowships encouraging their attendance to the Fall Meetings sponsored by the Council for Lay Life and Work.

As recommended by the Council for Lay Life and Work, the North Carolina Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women, as a Lay Organization, of the Women of the Southern Conference comes into being on November 12, 1966.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Thomas Madren, President

## NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

### TREASURER'S REPORT

October 25, 1965 to September 30, 1966

#### RECEIPTS:

10/29/65	Report .....	\$ 311.12	
12/ 4/65	Report .....	567.67	
1 / 3/66	Report .....	416.58	
1 /17/66	Report .....	316.58	
3 /11/66	Report .....	272.61	
4 / 6/66	Report .....	816.96	
5 / 7/66	Report .....	417.53	
6 /11/66	Report .....	317.08	
7 / 8/66	Report .....	448.07	
8 / /66	Report .....	230.45	
9 / /66	Report .....	395.66	
			\$ 4,510.31

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

11/10/65	A. D. Pate & Co.—Supplies .....	\$ 28.33
11/10/65	Rev. Winfred Bray—Mileage, Postage .....	79.39
11/10/65	Rev. Thomas Madren—Postage .....	14.62
11/29/65	Richard Petersen—Expense .....	100.00
	N. C. Council of Churches	
	(Comm. Alcoholism) .....	100.00
	Va. Council of Churches, donation .....	50.00
	N. C. Council of Churches, donation .....	500.00
	Rev. George Nishimoto—Expenses .....	25.00
	Congregational Library—Donation .....	20.00
12/ 6/66	Southern Convention—Ins. Ministers .....	315.00
3 /14/66	Southern Convention—Ins. Ministers .....	1,415.64
5 / 3/66	Southern Convention—Exec. Comm. ....	5.00
	Town & Country Church	
	Seminar—Donation .....	25.00

5 / 7/66	Dr. James H. Lightbourne—Expense .....	25.00	
5 /23/66	Southern Conference—1965 Annuals .....	243.90	
6 /20/66	Southern Conference—Ins. Ministers .....	43.75	\$ 2,990.63
	Excess Receipts .....		\$ 1,519.68
	Balance 10/25/65 .....		\$ 1,915.27
	Balance 9/22/66 .....		\$ 3,434.95

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. Earp, Treasurer

September 22, 1966

I hereby certify that we have on deposit in a checking account for Mr. T. S. Earp, Treasurer, North Carolina and Virginia Conference the sum of \$3,434.95.

F. L. McKinney, Jr.

South Boston Bank & Trust Co.

## NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

### REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Since the 1965 meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, notable anniversaries have occurred in at least four churches of the Conference. In November, 1965, Union Ridge United Church of Christ celebrated its sesquicentennial. In 1966, three churches reached the seventy-fifth year since their respective organizations: Bethel, Elon College, and Tryon.

While these congregations were commemorating the achievements of their forefathers, others throughout the Conference were engaged with history in the making. There have been groundbreaking ceremonies for new buildings and consecration or dedication services for completed structures. (Shortly after last year's Conference, Hines Chapel consecrated this sanctuary where today's session is being held.) In other areas of church life there have been pastoral changes, noteworthy objectives attained by various organizations within a given church, or perhaps significant modifications in the organizations themselves.

The historical worth of these activities and occasions warrants their being recorded. This committee would urge, therefore, that such records be made and that copies be preserved both in the local church and in the Church History Room in the library building at Elon College.

Mary Graham Mackintosh (Mrs. T. H.)  
Historical Committee

## NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President ..... Rev. R. M. Kimball  
Vice President ..... Mr. R. C. Baxter, Jr.

Secretary ..... Rev. R. M. Petersen  
 Assistant Secretary ..... Rev. James L. Rosser  
 Treasurer ..... Mr. T. S. Earp  
 Historian ..... Miss Nannie Baker Farmer

Representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches:

**Ministerial:** Rev. Dan Jones; Rev. Odell Powell  
**Lay:** Mrs. W. E. Briggs; Mr. W. B. Terrell  
 Alternate Ministerial: Rev. Winfred Bray  
 Alternate Lay: Mrs. Jessie Strader

Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches:

**Ministerial:** Rev. Charles W. Bell; Rev. Walter Crosby  
**Lay:** Mrs. Charles Case; Mr. W. E. Abernethy  
 Alternate Ministerial: Rev. Mack Welch  
 Alternate Lay: Mr. H. C. Landrum

Respectfully submitted:

G. H. Veazey  
 C. W. Bell  
 J. P. Littiken

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, the Committee on Finance have checked the report of the Treasurer and are satisfied that it is in order and is correct. Futhermore, we recommend:

1. That the Virginia Council of Churches receive \$50.00; The North Carolina Council of Churches receive \$500.00; the Committee on Alcoholism of the North Carolina Council of Churches receive \$100.00; and the Congregational Library in Boston \$20.00.
2. That the Ministers Insurance be paid.
3. That the Secretary of the Conference be reimbursed \$100.00 for expenses incurred during the year.
4. That all bills relating to the cost of Annuals, Programs, and other necessary supplies for the work of the Conference be paid by the Treasurer at the request of the Secretary.
5. That all bills incidental to Conference be paid.
6. That our churches re-examine their present plans for paying their apportionment and where possible move more deliberately toward paying these apportionments on a monthly basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Jones  
 Milton Wilder  
 Mrs. W. W. Snyder

PROCEEDINGS  
Of The  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
Of The  
NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE  
OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
(Acting Association of The United Church of Christ)  
Wednesday, September 13, 1967  
Haw River United Church of Christ  
Haw River, North Carolina

The special called meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches, an acting association of the United Church of Christ, met with the Haw River United Church of Christ, Haw River, North Carolina, September 13, 1967. The purpose of the meeting was to vote whether or not the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, an acting association of the United Church of Christ, would become a part of the Eastern North Carolina Association and the Western North Carolina Association, respectively, of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., as set forth in the by-laws of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., Article VII—Associations, paragraph 95-97.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Dr. Robert M. Kimball, at 9:30 a.m. and was led in worship by the Reverend Thomas Hamilton, pastor of the Elon College Community Church. Following the service of worship, the host pastor, Reverend James Rosser, welcomed the Conference to the Haw River Church and made announcements for the convenience and comfort of those present.

The roll call of ministers and churches was made and a quorum was found present. The total enrollment of the Conference included 33 ordained ministers and 78 delegates, alternates and visitors, representing 33 of the fifty-two churches of the Conference. The enrollment was as follows:

Ordained Ministers—Mark W. Andes, Charles Bell, H. Winfred Bray, Clyde Fields, Emmett Floyd, Martin Fogleman, Thomas Hamilton, Richard Jackson, J. H. Lightbourne, Thomas Madren, John Permar, Kenneth Register, Richard Petersen, Richard Rinker, John Schofield, Walter Snowa, W. W. Snyder, Lester Stanley, Lewis Wicker, W. R. Stevenson, Eugene Tally, Guy Veazey, Mack Welch, John G. Truitt, Dan Jones, Milton Wilder, Albert Gminder, James Rosser.

Licentitates—Oscar Fowler, Jerry Moore, Lynn Ogburn, Dolan Talbert and John Wilder.

**CHURCHES, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, VISITORS**

APPLES CHAPEL —  
ASHEVILLE —



BELEW CREEK —  
 BERE A — Lillie Jones, Mrs. L. D. Ross, Mrs. Oscar Fowler.  
 BETHEL — Mrs. Martin L. Fogleman.  
 BETHLEHEM — Jamima Sutton.  
 BEVERLY HILLS — Mrs. L. S. Riley, Mrs. Linwood Jordan, Mrs. John Boswell.  
 EDGEWOOD UNITED — Wayne Beal.  
 BURLINGTON, FIRST — Mrs. R. M. Kimball, Cletis L. Hinshaw, Mrs. Cletis L. Hinshaw, Mrs. Wayne Morton.  
 LAKEVIEW — Mrs. Banks Garrison.  
 CAROLINA — Mrs. Eula Murray, Ida Trollinger.  
 CONCORD — Mrs. Martin L. Fogleman.  
 DANVILLE — Mrs. Eugene Tally.  
 DURHAM — Mrs. Edgar Brock, Albert Riggsbee.  
 ELK SPUR —  
 ELON COLLEGE — A. L. Hook, Mrs. A. L. Hook, J. E. Danieleley, Mrs. J. E. Danieleley, Mrs. W. W. Snyder, Albert Gminder, Mrs. G. H. Veazey.  
 GIBSONVILLE —  
 PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL —  
 GREENSBORO, CALVARY —  
 GREENSBORO, FIRST — (pastor).  
 GREENSBORO, PALM STREET — Mrs. C. M. Floyd, R. S. Yarbrough.  
 GREENSBORO, ST. PETER'S — Mrs. Ray Hicks, Mrs. John Dyson.  
 HAPPY HOME —  
 HAW RIVER — (pastor).  
 HEBRON —  
 HENDERSONVILLE —  
 HINES CHAPEL — Mrs. Thomas Madren, Mrs. Mae Wyrick.  
 HOPEDALE — A. B. Chrismon.  
 HOWARD'S CHAPEL —  
 INGRAM — Mrs. Charles Bell.  
 KELLAM'S GROVE —  
 LEBANON —  
 LIBERTY — (pastor).  
 LONGS CHAPEL — Odell King, Mrs. Odell King.  
 LYNCHBURG —  
 MEBANE —  
 MONTICELLO — Mrs. Beverly Snowa, J. E. Cumbie.  
 MT. BETHEL —  
 MT. ZION — Miss Elizabeth Strayhorn, Mrs. Hattie Lynch, Mrs. Dwight Riley.  
 NEW LEBANON —  
 PARKWAY UNITED —  
 PFAFFTOWN —  
 PLEASANT GROVE —  
 PLEASANT RIDGE —  
 REIDSVILLE — Mrs. Annie Ellington, John H. Dockery, M. A. Washburn, J. B. Underwood, Mrs. J. B. Underwood.  
 ROCKY FORD —  
 SALEM CHAPEL —

SHALLOW FORD — Mrs. W. E. Walker, Mrs. Mabel Barber, Mrs. Fannie Crouse, Mrs. Odessa Penley.  
SOUTH BOSTON, CENTER —  
TRYON —  
UNION RIDGE (NC) — Mrs. Edna Chandler, Mrs. O. C. Hopkins, Jr.  
UNION (VA.) — S. Ream Long.  
ZION —

Recognition of new pastors and visitors was made by Dr. Clyde Fields, Eastern Area Minister for the Southern Conference. The new pastors now serving churches in the Conference are: Thomas Hamilton, George R. Johnson, Emmett Floyd, and Lynn Ogburn.

Visitors introduced included Dr. James Lightbourne, Dr. W. T. Scott, and the Reverend Edwin Alcorn.

Dr. Fields announced the organizational meeting for the Eastern North Carolina Association to be held at the Durham United Church of Christ on October the 25th and the Western North Carolina Association to meet at Catawba College on October 24.

The printed program for the Conference was presented by Dr. Robert Kimball. It was moved and carried that it be adapted with any changes that the Conference might find necessary to make.

The report of the Committee on Church and Ministry was given by Dr. Kenneth Register. It was moved and carried that the report be received.

A service of Licensure was conducted by the president, Dr. Kimball, for Oscar Fowler.

Following the service of licensure Dr. John Truitt led the Conference in a brief memorial service for the Reverend J. L. Neese who recently died in Bradenton, Florida. Rev. Neese has served many churches in this Conference and at the time of his death held ministerial standing in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

The report of the Executive Committee was given by Rev. Richard M. Petersen. A motion was made and carried that the report be received.

The report of the Treasurer was given by the President, Dr. Kimball. Motion was made and carried that the report be adopted.

A motion was made and carried to amend the report of the Executive Committee, paragraph IV, in regards to the publishing for distribution among the churches of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, the minutes of this Conference session to include those also of the Western and Eastern North Carolina Conference for the same sessions. The motion was made that the minutes be printed and not mimeographed. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made and carried to amend Paragraph V of the Executive Committee report in regards to the distribution of funds remaining in the Conference Treasury. The distribution to be five hundred (500) dollars to the Western North Carolina Association and to the Eastern North Carolina Association. That the remaining amount, after Conference expense has been

paid, be equally divided between the new library at Elon College, the Moonelon Conference Center and the Elon Home for Children.

Mr. Robert Baxter presented and read the special Resolution prepared for the Conference in regards to the formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. A motion was made that the resolution as read be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed.

The reports given at the Conference and the Resolutions are exhibited in these minutes.

A motion was made and carried to give to the Church History Room at Elon College, for display and safe keeping, the gavel used by this Conference.

Dr. Clyde Fields commented on the occasion of this special called meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and the action taken. He pointed out that along with other similar bodies, or parts of some, in the formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., we now have become a part of an enlarging stream of opportunity for all churches.

A motion was made and carried that this final meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference be adjourned following the worship service.

Dr. W. T. Scott led the Conference in a very appropriate service of worship in which he related much of the history of the Conference in its one hundred and forty years of existence.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Kimball, President

Richard M. Petersen, Secretary

## **REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA-VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee has met in regular called sessions to transact the routine and special business relating to the Conference.

Your Executive Committee approved the action taken and the recommendations made by the Committee on the Ministry as embodied in their report.

The Executive Committee has acted upon the motion made and passed by the North Carolina and Virginia Conference in session at Hines Chapel United Church of Christ, "that we approve in principle the plan for the formation of Associations of the Southern Conference and authorize the Executive Committee to take the necessary actions on behalf of the NCVA Conference leading to the formation of a New Association and that the Executive Committee be authorized to call such meetings of the NCVA Conference as may be necessary until the New Associations are formed, and all legal matters settled."

The Executive Committee voted to publish for distribution among the churches of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference the minutes of this

Conference session and to include those of the 1966 session of Conference held at Hines Chapel United Church of Christ. Purpose, to complete the record of minutes of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for the churches of this Conference. The Annual in which these minutes heretofore have been recorded is no longer published.

Your Executive Committee voted to divide equally the amount of money remaining in the treasury of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, after all expenses of the Conference have been paid, among the following: The Eastern North Carolina Association, the Western North Carolina Association, the Moonelon Conference Center, and the new Library at Elon College.

Your Executive Committee, after completing what it felt to be the necessary requirements sat September 13, 1967 as the final session for the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. The following motion was made and passed by the Executive Committee:

"The Executive Committee approved a resolution whereby the North Carolina and Virginia Conference will become a part of the Eastern North Carolina Association and the Western North Carolina Association, respectively, and hereby recommends the approval of said resolution by the delegates of this meeting."

Respectively submitted,  
Dr. Robert Kimball, President  
Richard M. Petersen, Secretary

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND MINISTRY**

### **SEPTEMBER 13, 1967**

Your Committee on Church and Ministry met several times since last Fall's Conference session, to attend to items of business called to its attention.

In these meetings the following actions were taken and recommended to the Executive Committee of the Conference (Acting Association):

Transfer of Ministerial Standings:

**Rev. J. Avery Brown** from the N. C. and Va. Conference to the Western N. C. Conference (Acting Associations).

Received by Letter of Transfer: Ordained Ministers

**Rev. Thomas Ray Hamilton**, from the Southwest Ohio Association of the Ohio Conference. Minister at Elon College Community Church.

**Rev. George R. Johnson**, from the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. Minister at Pfafttown UCC.

**Rev. Emmett O. Floyd**, from the Northeast Association of the Florida Conference. Minister Congregational United Church of Greensboro, N. C.

Fulfilling all requirements for ordination, the following men were recommended to the Executive Committee to be ordained at a time and place agreed upon by them and the President of the Conference:

**Mr. Phillip Washburn**, graduate of Duke Divinity School and member of the Durham United Church of Christ.

**Mr. Albert Gmender**, Prof. of Spanish at Elon College and member of the Elon College Community Church.

**Mr. Oscar Fowler**, in care of the Eastern Virginia Conference, member of Holy Neck UCC, graduate of Elon College and present pastor of Berea UCC has requested to be licensed to preach by this Association. We recommend to the Executive Committee that Mr. Fowler be licensed to preach and that he be given the privilege of administering the sacraments and rites in the church which he is now serving.

Other matters claimed the attention of your Committee over the past few months but the items presented to you this morning are the only ones requiring action by this body in session this morning.

Your Committee:

Rev. Kenneth D. Register, Chairman  
 Dr. John G. Truitt, Sr.  
 Rev. H. Winfred Bray  
 Rev. Richard L. Jackson  
 Rev. John S. Graves  
 Dr. James H. Overton

## NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

### TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1966 to September 5, 1967

#### RECEIPTS:

October 5, 1966 .....	\$ 354.59
November 1, 1966 .....	395.55
December 7, 1966 .....	422.89
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	<u>\$ 1,173.03</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

10/ 5/66 Southern Convention—Minister's Insurance .....	\$ 1,498.32
11/23/66 Richard M. Petersen—Postage .....	10.00
Richard M. Petersen—Expenses .....	100.00
North Carolina Council of Churches—Contribution .....	500.00
Virginia Council of Churches—Contribution .....	50.00
Committee on Alcoholism—Contribution .....	100.00
Congregational Library—Contribution .....	20.00
A. D. Pate & Company—Supplies .....	22.87
Thomas Madren—Supplies .....	24.08
6 / 16/67 Robert Kimball—Expenses Conference .....	100.00
9 / 5/67 Robert Kimball—Expenses Travel .....	56.52
First Christian Church—Supplies .....	4.97
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	<u>\$ 2,486.76</u>
Balance 10/1/66 .....	<u>\$ 3,434.95</u>
Receipts (Add) .....	1,173.03
	<u>\$ 4,607.98</u>
Disbursements — (Deduct) .....	2,486.76
Balance — 9/5/67 .....	<u>\$ 2,121.22</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 T. S. Earp, Treasurer



THE PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
96th ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

(An Acting Association of the United Church of Christ)

Pleasant Grove Christian Church

November 2, 1966

The ninety-sixth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, the sixth annual session as an Acting Association of the United Church of Christ, met at Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Bennett, North Carolina, Wednesday, November 2, 1966. The session was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by the president, J. Everette Neese.

A devotional service was led by the Reverend Mr. Wayne A. Gardner. His meditation was entitled "Christ Loved the Church."

A welcome was extended by the Reverend Mr. Hayes Ritter, host pastor.

The order of the session was followed accordingly to the attached **Program** and **Book of Reports**. The exceptions to the proceedings are noted on the **Program**.

The president appointed two committees:

Nominating—L. V. Dorsett, Fred Allred, and Homer Frye

Resolutions—Martin Deese, J. E. Porter, and Jimmy Caviness

Billy Joe Willett moved that the session accord the Reverend Mr. Lacy M. Presnell a rising vote of confidence. Dr. Clyde L. Fields asked that an appropriate scroll be prepared for presentation to Mr. Presnell in recognition of his years of service as Pastor-at-Large. PASSED.

Dr. James Lightbourne and Dr. Clyde L. Fields spoke to the session relative to the new associations to be formed and to the proposed constitutions of said associations. The report of the Executive Committee on the Formation of Association was passed.

At 11:45 discussion was terminated—to be resumed in the afternoon session.

The principal address of the session was delivered by Dr. F. C. Lester. Dr. Lester gave an intimate and colorful account of his world trip. He had toured the mission stations of the United Church of Christ, and he shared the impression he received with the delegates and visitors in attendance.

At 12:30 the session adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

The Reverend Mr. Lacy M. Presnell led in the brief devotional service.

The afternoon session followed the **Program** order except where noted in the minutes.

The World Ministries Committee made no report. The Reverend Mr. Billy Joe Willet made an informal report relative to the lack of structure and direction provided the committee.

In the absence of the Reverend Mr. Richard Rinker, Dr. Lightbourne spoke about the camps of the Southern Conference.

The Reverend Mr. Edwin Alcorn, Area Minister, reported to the session about his work.

The officers of the Western North Carolina Conference were reelected for the year 1967.

Dr. F. C. Lester moved that publication of the minutes be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee. **PASSED.**

Dr. F. C. Lester moved that the session be adjourned to meet again when directed by the Executive Committee. **PASSED.**

Dr. James Lightbourne spoke the benediction.

## **APPENDIX**

### **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION**

At the 1965 session of Conference it was voted to authorize the Executive Committee "to confer with similiar committees of the Southern Synod, the Convention of the South, the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and any others necessarily involved to see what can be done to further the united work by establishing a united association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ in our area."

Your Executive Committee was represented by the President of the Conference in two meetings for this purpose. The proposals have been discussed in the Executive Committee and we recommend the following:

1. That the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference (Acting Association of the United Church of Christ) accept as the dividing line in the State—to form the Eastern and Western Associations—the line already voted by the Southern Conference. Said line to exist between the counties of Rockingham and Caswell, Guilford and Alamance, Randolph and Chatham, Montgomery and Moore, and Richmond and Scotland.

Note: The following churches of the Western North Carolina Conference would be in the Eastern North Carolina Administrative Area: Pleasant Hill, Antioch C., Center Grove, Hank's Chapel, First United Siler City, Northview, Grace's Chapel, and Zion.

2. That inasmuch as the welfare of the existing Conferences, Synod

(Acting Associations) within the Western North Carolina Administrative Area have been carefully considered in the formation of a Constitution and By-Laws for the new Association, we approve, and will present for your consideration, this document, today.

3. That we approve of the new organization being known as the Western North Carolina Association.

4. That we approve a timetable for the first meeting of the Western North Carolina Association to be set for the fall of 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Committee

### REPORT OF THE PASTOR-AT-LARGE

Under the direction of the Conference President and the Superintendent of the Southern Conference, it has been a privilege and a joy to serve on a half-time basis as your Pastor-at-Large for the past nine years and ten months. This work will be finished this coming December 31.

During the past year eleven churches have been without a minister within the Western North Carolina Conference. I have endeavored to serve them the best I could as their supply minister until such time as they could secure a minister. The greater part of my time has been used for this purpose, as this is my first obligation. One church has been supplied by a student minister under my care. At the time of the writing of this report, there are five churches within the Conference without ministers.

There are two churches being organized within the Conference: Siler City, served by Fred Allred, and Ramseur, served by Don Leonard and William Everhart. I have assisted these churches when requested.

It has been my pleasure to work with the students preparing for the ministry, and to use them in the supply work of churches that are without ministers. On many occasions I have counseled with these students. It has been a great pleasure to have this opportunity, and to learn to appreciate these young men.

I have assisted in three revivals as supply minister: at Seagrove with Billy Joe Willett as evangelist; at Union Grove with Don Leonard; and Pleasant Cross with Bill Traylor.

I have traveled 22,680 miles; attended 274 committees; made 640 personal calls.

This being my last report, I want to express my appreciation to the ministers and the churches for allowing me to work with you for these ten years. It has been my pleasure to supply every church within the Conference within the time I have served as your Pastor-at-Large. Some I have served as many as three different times.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy M. Presnell, Pastor-at-Large

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM**

This Committee shares with each minister and member of the Western North Carolina Conference the desire to be an effective instrument in evangelizing the world for Christ. We cannot stop with just a desire but we must make concrete the "Great Commission" of our Lord. We are happy to note the continuation of the M.O.R.E. program (in its last six months) into this year. Good results have come from this effort of the churches.

In being faithful to the "Great Commission," the committee presents the following suggestions:

1. Each local Church with its minister study seriously its effort in evangelism. Be willing to see its weakness and its strength. From this study of the church's potential and its present effort formulate definite plans of action.

2. Each local Church set up a Committee on Evangelism to continually study, experiment, and work in the field of evangelism.

3. Each local Church be willing to seek the most effective way to conduct the revival services each year. Be creative.

4. Each local Church promote a School of Evangelism. Have a school to teach techniques of visitation and to challenge laymen and ministers.

5. Each local Church organize evangelistic visiting clubs composed of dedicated men and women who are willing, after being trained, to visit the aged, sick, unchurched, prison camps, etc.

6. Each local Church work with its minister in promoting a Pastor's Class for instructing children in church membership.

7. Each local Church plan special services emphasizing the different phases of the Christian Year.

8. Each local Church study each organization in the local Church and consider how it can improve itself in the vitality of the Christian faith.

9. Each local Church Committee on Evangelism work closely with its similar committee in the Association, Conference, and National level.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy J. Norred, Chairman

## **REPORT FROM THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

The Women's Fellowship has experienced an interim year as we have looked toward a reorganization under the Southern Conference Committee on Lay Life and Work. Women from this district have participated in the Laity Workshop held on the first Sunday in May at the Asheboro Church, the Summer Conference held in June at Elon College, and the Fall Spiritual Retreat held at Thomasville on October 13th. The Executive Board of the

North Carolina Women's Fellowship has dissolved itself and my position as District Chairman is now ending. We look forward to our organizational meeting on November 12th at the First Christian Church in Burlington.

May we all rejoice in the progress that has been made and earnestly pray for wisdom and loving understanding as we bring our varied backgrounds and traditions together that we may be an effective body of women whose sole purpose is devoted and unselfish service in the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Norred, District Chairman

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 11, 1966 .....\$ 754.39

#### Receipts:

##### Southern Conference:

Pastor-at-Large .....	\$ 1,050.02	
Conference Fund .....	2,343.12	
L. M. Presnell (Supply) .....	485.00	
Total Receipts .....	\$ 3,878.14	\$ 3,878.14
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance .....		\$ 4,632.53

#### Disbursements:

L. M. Presnell (Salary) .....	\$ 1,500.00
L. M. Presnell (Travel) .....	675.00
L. M. Presnell (Annuity) .....	300.00

##### Southern Conference:

Ministers' Hospital Insurance Premiums .....	1,039.32
Life Insurance Prem. (Ferree) .....	8.75
Annals .....	190.80
W. M. Everhart (Salary) .....	100.00
Asheboro Printing Co. ....	25.24
J. E. Neese (Stationery) .....	3.99
Bill J. Traylor (Travel) .....	10.00
J. E. Neese (Travel) .....	40.10
W. A. Gardner (Travel) .....	6.38
S. Wiley (N. C. Council of Churches) .....	125.00
E. M. Underwood (Court Costs, Lee County Superior Court) .....	39.25
J. E. Neese (Telephone and Postage) .....	25.76
Postmaster (Greensboro, Postage) .....	3.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 4,092.59
	\$ 4,092.59

Cash on hand October 15, 1966 .....\$ 539.94

Respectfully submitted,

Clifton Black, Treasurer



## **FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

We have examined the books of the Treasurer, Mr. Clifton Black, and find them correct and in order. We commend the Treasurer for his faithful performance of his duty and the orderly manner in which he has kept his records.

We recommend the following:

1. Payment to the North Carolina Council of Churches the amount of \$125.00.
2. The Treasurer be authorized to reimburse the President of Conference for excessive travel, long distance telephone calls, and postage used in Conference work.
3. Payment of any necessary expenses in connection with this session of Conference.
4. Payment of any obligations as approved and directed for payment by the Executive Committee.
5. That the Treasurer turn over all books and records to the Finance Committee by October 15th of each year for auditing, and the Finance Committee be composed of qualified personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold James, Chairman

Bill J. Traylor

Denver Hayes

## **REPORT OF THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

We pause again to think of the accomplishments, needs and possibilities in the hands of your Social Action Committee. However, good or bad our record has been this year, it is history. Now, it is up to each of us to profit by our mistakes and only use them for guide lights, reminding us of our responsibilities to our aged, alcoholics, mentally ill and handicapped people.

Our understanding has increased over the years and many in our churches are accepting God's challenge, prayerfully and with patience, but not always without prejudice.

Your committee recommends that each church seeks to find its proper place in this rapidly changing social structure of our society. The churches are to be commended for this cooperation and participation in the total social action programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira L. McDowell, Chairman

Marvin Jones, Homer Frye

## REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee met October 25, 1966 at the Asheboro United Church of Christ. We voted unanimously to accept, with two exceptions, the Our Christian World Mission goals as established by the OCWM Committee of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. Two churches, Needham's Grove Christian and Union Grove Christian, requested that their 1967 goals remain the same as their 1966 goals; these requests were granted.

The committee recommends the following:

1. That the local churches of the WNCC elect in each church a committee to study the fundamentals of our program of giving.
2. That each church search within its own bounds to see that the program be set forth in a not burdensome manner but in the spirit of love for the work of our Lord and his kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth C. Ferree, Chairman  
Harold James, Hubert Beane,  
Fred Allred, Denver Hayes

## THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met frequently during the Conference Year to transact the business of the Western North Carolina Conference. From these meetings the following actions are pertinent to our report:

1. The long-standing situation at Grace's Chapel claimed the major portion of our time and energy during the year. Though a Christian solution has been prayerfully sought, as this report is being prepared no solution has been achieved.
2. A Letter of Transfer was granted Avery Brown to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.
3. Wayne Gardner was elected to the Executive Committee, replacing Avery Brown. Mr. Gardner was also elected to the Committee on the Ministry.

The Executive Committee appreciates the guidance and leadership rendered by the personnel of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. Our Pastor-at-Large, Lacy M. Presnell, has provided insight and invaluable guidance as the Executive Committee has dealt with the affairs of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

William Everhart, Secretary  
J. Everette Neese, President

THE PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
97th ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
(An Acting Association of the United Church of Christ)  
Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ  
September 14, 1967

The ninety-seventh annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, the seventh annual session as an Acting Association of the United Church of Christ, met at Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ, Route 1, Ramseur, North Carolina, Thursday, September 14, 1967. The session was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the president, J. Everette Neese.

A welcome was extended by the Reverend Mr. Bill J. Traylor, host pastor.

A devotional service was led by the Reverend Mr. James W. Caviness. He read selected passages from the Gospel of John, chapters 14 and 15. His devotional remarks were on the Holy Spirit.

Dr. W. T. Scott spoke to the session on 'Our Heritage.' Three words characterize our heritage, Dr. Scott said, faith, freedom, and fellowship. Following his address, Dr. Scott answered questions posed to him by the audience.

The secretary called the roll of the churches. Each church represented presented a brief report of the past year's activities.

The president appointed two committees: Resolutions and Finance.

The president presented the Reverend Mr. Lacy M. Presnell, Sr., Pastor-at-Large, with a Scroll, citing him for his contributions to the conference through the years.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

The Executive Committee's Report was presented and accepted.

The Reverend Mr. Edwin M. Alcorn, Area Minister for Western North Carolina, led in the Benediction and the Grace.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

The Reverend Mr. Wayne Gardner led in the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and the Reverend Mr. Lacy M. Presnell led in the prayer.

The Church and Ministry Report was presented by the chairman, Dr. F. C. Lester. Wayne Gardner, a member of the committee, interpreted the nature and work of the committee to the session. Following extended discussion the report was accepted by the session.

Each minister was allowed two minutes to speak to the session.

William Everhart moved that W. E. Roberts and W. Clay Farrell be granted the courtesy of the floor. This carried. W. E. Roberts spoke to the the session. W. Clay Farrell voiced his appreciation for the courtesy, but declined to speak.

The Reverend Mr. Billy Joe Willett moved that the resolution presented by the Executive Committee to enable the formation of the Western North Carolina Association be approved by the delegates in session. Kenneth Ferree offered a substitute motion, calling for a secret ballot. The substitute was defeated. The vote was twenty-eight (28) in favor of the resolution and nine (9) opposed to the resolution.

The report from the Finance Committee was received and accepted.

The report from the Resolutions Committee was received and accepted.

J. Avery Brown moved that the minutes for 1966 and 1967 be compiled and published with the minutes from the other two acting associations of the former Southern Convention.

F. C. Lester moved that the Executive Committee and the elected officers continue to act until such time as all of the business of the association be concluded. This was approved.

The ninety-seventh annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches adjourned their business session to enter into a Service of Holy Communion with F. C. Lester serving as minister.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash on hand, January 1, 1967 .....	\$ 1,096.13
<b>Receipts:</b>	
None	
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Wayne A. Gardner, Expenses to the North Carolina Council of Churches .....	\$ 10.01
Bill J. Traylor, Expenses to the North Carolina Council of Churches .....	15.30
J. E. Neese, Travel Expenses .....	25.50
J. E. Neese, Telephone and Postage .....	10.30
Dutch Farm Restaurant, Meals for the Executive Committee .....	10.82
W. M. Everhart, Office Expenses and Salary .....	100.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$171.93
Cash on hand, September 14, 1967 .....	\$ 924.20

Clifton Black, Treasurer

## TREASURER'S REPORT

January 22, 1968

Cash on hand, September 14, 1967 .....\$ 924.20

### Receipts:

None

### Disbursements:

J. Everette Neese—Traveling expense .....\$ 10.60

J. Everette Neese—Telephone expense ..... 10.77

Scott Book Store, Inc.—Bible for Homer Frye ..... 11.47

Southern Conference—Printing of the  
1966-67 Conference Minutes ..... 300.00

H. M. Nicholson—Conference part of legal expense .... 300.00

F. C. Lester—Traveling expense ..... 54.00

F. C. Lester—Meals for executive  
committee and others ..... 10.00

F. C. Lester—Telephone expense ..... 10.00

Eastern N. C. Association—Share of  
remaining funds ..... 36.23

Western N. C. Association—Share of  
remaining funds ..... 181.13

Total Disbursements .....\$ 924.20

Cash on hand, January 22, 1968 ..... None

Clifton Black, Treasurer

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee has met frequently during the past year. Most of our time and energy have been given to the long-standing situation at Grace's Chapel Christian Church. We are still exploring possible courses to pursue relative to this case.

The Executive Committee voted to receive the Rev. J. Avery Brown back into the WNC Conference and enroll him as an ordained minister. He returns from the NCVA Conference.

The Executive Committee has studied and approved the resolutions for the formation of the Western North Carolina Association. These resolutions will be formally presented to the Conference following this report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Everette Neese, President

W. M. Everhart, Secretary



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

Being a minister these days is not easy, and being a good minister is difficult indeed. The blending of world cultures and religions, rapidly increasing knowledge, youth discontent and church unwillingness to change — all these and many other things tend to cause frustration and a deadly sense of inadequacy on the part of ministers.

It must be remembered that new ministers come from our homes and churches. This means that in family and church there must be an appreciation of the “man of God” if there are to be recruits for the ministry.

Our ministerial family is composed of the following persons:

### Fully Ordained Elders:

C. Fred Allred	Clyde L. Fields	Lacy M. Presnell
E. Carl Brady	Wayne Gardner	James E. Porter
J. Avery Brown	Fletcher C. Lester	Hayes W. Ritter
Carl F. Dunker	J. Everette Neese	Bill J. Traylor
William M. Everhart	Jimmy J. Norred	Billy Joe Willett
Kenneth Ferree		

**Conference Ordained:** Lunnie W. Burgess

**Licentiates:** James W. Caviness, Jr.    Homer C. Frye

**In Care of Conference:** Jerry D. Cameron    Kenneth R. Hollingsworth  
Michael Morgan

Carl F. Dunker is now serving our church in Asheboro. He comes from the Eastern N. C. Conference. We recommend that he be received and enrolled.

James Caviness and Homer Frye, our Licentiates, are serving churches and have the privilege of administering Baptism and Communion in the churches they serve. We recommend that they be continued with privilege.

We recommend that Jerry D. Cameron, Kenneth R. Hollingsworth, and Michael Morgan be continued In Care of Conference.

We further recommend that at the proper time Secretary of Conference certify to the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ that the following persons are in their area and are recommended for membership and fellowship:

Clyde L. Fields, Wayne A. Gardner, James E. Porter, Billy Joe Willett, and Jerry D. Cameron.

The remainder of our ministerial family should be likewise recommended to the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. Lester, Chairman

W. M. Everhart  
Wayne Gardner

Jimmy J. Norred  
Lacy M. Presnell

# THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, INC.

(An Acting Association of the United Church of Christ.)

WHEREAS, The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., has already been formed; and

WHEREAS, there were several Acting Associations of said Corporation at the time of formation of same; and

WHEREAS, the several Acting Associations of said Corporation geographically overlapped one of another; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable to form permanent Associations of the said Corporation in North Carolina on a geographical basis; and

WHEREAS, The Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., hereinafter called THE CONFERENCE, has given study and consideration to the formation of permanent Associations in North Carolina;

## BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

### 1. THAT:

THE CONFERENCE hereby joins with other similar bodies or parts of same in the formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., hereinafter called the Eastern North Carolina Association, and in the formation of the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., hereinafter called the Western North Carolina Association; the boundaries of said Associations to be the same as those known and described as the Eastern North Carolina Administrative Area and the Western North Carolina Administrative Area, respectively, as set forth in the By-Laws of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., Article VII — Associations, paragraphs 95-97.

### 2. THAT:

The Proposed Constitutions and By-Laws of the Eastern North Carolina Association and the Western North Carolina Association, respectively, be approved and adopted, subject to the final approval by the delegates to the first Annual Meeting of said Associations.

### 3. THAT:

In order to continue without break in its historic continuity and legal identity, THE CONFERENCE hereby assigns and transfers its name into the proposed new permanent Associations hereinafter named and shall, immediately, upon the formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., and the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., operate under the name and title of said new Associations as the context of the next succeeding paragraphs require, in the geographic locations therein defined, THE CONFERENCE does hereby:

A. Assign its member churches, congregations and ministers, and further hereby assigns, transfers, conveys and vests all the rights, privileges, powers, franchises, interests in and to every species of property, real, personal and mixed, and things in action belonging to it, which are located in Carroll County, Virginia, and in North Carolina West of a line following the County lines between Rockingham and Caswell, Guilford and Alamance, Randolph and Chatham, Montgomery and Moore, Richmond and Scotland, to the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., without the necessity of any other deed or instrument or act of Transfer and all of such properties hereinabove described or referred to shall be deemed transferred to and vested in said Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc.

B. Assign its member churches, congregations and ministers, and further hereby assigns, transfers, conveys and vests all the rights, privileges, powers, franchises, interests in and to every species of property, real, personal and mixed, and things in action belonging to it, which are located in the Counties of Campbell, Pittsylvania, Halifax, and Mecklenberg in Virginia, and in North Carolina East of a line following the County lines between Rockingham and Caswell, Guilford and Alamance, Randolph and Chatham, Montgomery and Moore, Richmond and Scotland, to the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., without the necessity of any other deed or instrument or act of transfer and all of such properties hereinabove described or referred to shall be deemed transferred to and vested in said Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, the Executive Committee of THE CONFERENCE be hereby empowered and instructed to cause the President and Secretary to execute and deliver any and all necessary instruments to accomplish the formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, any cash assets held by THE CONFERENCE as of the date of the formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., and the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., shall be divided between the two Associations named above on an agreed-on equitable basis.

These Resolutions were approved by the ministers and delegates at a duly called meeting of THE CONFERENCE, a quorum being present, on \_\_\_\_\_, 1967.

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.  
(An Acting Association of the United Church of Christ.)

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_  
Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.  
(An Acting Association of the United Church of Christ.)

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We find the financial report to be in order. There has been no income this year. It seems there is a sufficient balance to take care of any outstanding bills.
2. We recommend that the Executive Committee authorize the Treasurer to pay any other expenses in regard to the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches' annual session.

J. Avery Brown, Chairamn  
Ira McDowell  
Kenneth C. Ferree

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. That this conference express its appreciation to the Pleasant Ridge Church and its pastor for its gracious hospitality and a delicious meal and the use of its facilities.
2. That we express our appreciation to Rev. Everette Neese, our president, for his tireless efforts, to the officers of the conference and to the committee members who have served.
3. To Dr. W. T. Scott a word of appreciation for his interesting address recalling to us the rich history of which we are a part.
4. To Dr. James Lightbourne and to Rev. Ed Alcorn, a word of appreciation for their leadership and efforts in the Southern Conference and in preparation of the formation of the new Eastern and Western Associations.
5. That we forget not the rich heritage of which we are a part, as we move forward in our work in formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association and the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Wayne Gardner, Chairman  
Mrs. Street Morgan  
Billy Joe Willett

## CHURCHES — SEPTEMBER 14, 1967 — PLEASANT RIDGE

ALBEMARLE—J. Everette Neese, Mrs. J. Everette Neese, Mr. J. F. Hill, and  
Mrs. J. F. Hill  
ANTIOCH (C) —  
ANTIOCH (R) —  
ASHEBORO — Mrs. Hubert Beane, Mrs. Street Morgan, Michael Morgan,  
Lacy M. Presnell, Mrs. Lacy M. Presnell, Carl F. Dunker  
BAILEY'S GROVE —  
BENNETT —  
BIG OAK --  
BISCOE —

BROWN'S CHAPEL —  
 CENTER GROVE —  
 ETHER — William E. Roberts, W. H. Freeman  
 FLINT HILL (M) — James W. Caviness  
 FLINT HILL (R) —  
 GRACE'S CHAPEL — Blueford T. Coe, Wayne Medlin  
 HANK'S CHAPEL — B. J. Willett, W. W. Farrell  
 HIGH POINT — Mrs. F. C. Lester, F. C. Lester, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, Conrad C. Fairrington  
 LIBERTY — Mrs. Ruth Lowe, Mrs. Earl Stout, Sr., J. Avery Brown  
 MT. PLEASANT —  
 NEEDHAM'S GROVE —  
 NEW CENTER —  
 NORTHVIEW (Sanford) — Mrs. L. C. Wicker, James E. Porter  
 PARKS CROSS ROADS —  
 PATTERSON'S GROVE —  
 PLEASANT CROSS — Mrs. Irwin Craven, Mrs. Anna Craven, Kenneth C. Ferree  
 PLEASANT GROVE — Hayes W. Ritter, William U. (Sam) Leonard, Grady Oats, Marvin Jones  
 PLEASANT HILL — Mrs. Roy Loy, Mrs. Wayne Gardner, Wayne Gardner  
 PLEASANT RIDGE — O. C. Brown, Hilton Beane, Bill J. Traylor, Mrs. Hobert Leonard  
 PLEASANT UNION — Mrs. Clay Yates, Richard Fields, Ira McDowell  
 PROVIDENCE CHAPEL —  
 RAMSEUR CHRISTIAN —  
 RAMSEUR FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST — Mrs. Wayland Brown, Mrs. Claude Craven  
 RANDLEMAN — Basil L. Meredith, Mrs. Evelyn Brown, Jimmy J. Norred  
 SEAGROVE — Mrs. Amos Farlow, Mrs. Boyd King, Kenneth C. Ferree  
 SHADY GROVE — Alice Kern, C. B. Allen, Lilly Sanders  
 SHILOH —  
 SMITHWOOD — Harvey Smith, C. Fred Allred, Carlene B. Allred, Mrs. Harvey Smith, Mrs. Edward Smith  
 SOPHIA — Mr. Homer Frye, Mr. Roy Hayes  
 SPOON'S CHAPEL — Gillis Luck  
 UNION GROVE — Mrs. Paul Wilson, Mrs. Harvey Allen, Harvey Allen  
 ZION —

## OTHERS

HEBRON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST — William Everhart  
 STAFF AND VISITORS — Dr. James Lightbourne, Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. Edwin M. Aleorn, Mrs. C. C. Presnell (Union Grove Baptist)



M I N U T E S  
of the  
141st SESSION  
of the  
EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
of  
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
UNITED CHURCH  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
November 1, 1966

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, (An acting Association of the Southern Conference) was held at the United Church in Chapel Hill, November 1, 1966. The Devotional Service was led by the Rev. DeWitt Myers, Pastor of the United Church in Chapel Hill.

The Secretary declared a quorum present and the Conference President began the business of the day.

The Conference President introduced the special guests and five new ministers of the Conference. The new ministers are: Rev. Ellis Clark, Pastor of First Church in Henderson; Rev. Garland Bennett, Pastor of Wake Chapel Christian Church; Rev. Eugene Amick, Pastor of Eutaw United, Fayetteville; and Mr. Clarence Gunter, a lay minister and member of Shallow Well in Sanford. Dr. F. C. Lester attended the Conference as a special visitor and guest speaker of the day.

The Secretary moved that the program as suggested by the Executive Committee be adopted as the order of the day. This motion was properly seconded and adopted.

The following Committees gave their reports to the Conference for information: Treasurer's report, Committee on Church and Ministry, and the report of the Executive Committee.

The Conference President gave his report. He reported his activities with regards to the Southern Conference and the establishment of the new Associations of the Southern Conference.

Dr. Clyde Fields, our Area Minister, was presented to the Conference to explain the procedures and plans for the formation of the new Association. Mr. Fields introduced the Conference Minister, Dr. James Lightbourne, Dr. W. W. Snyder, and Dr. W. T. Scott.

Then Mr. Fields enumerated and made explicit the procedures necessary for the formation of the permanent associations out of the 12 acting associations. Mr. Fields outlined the geographical area to be covered by the

proposed Eastern Association. He also outlined the proposed areas within the Association for the purpose of "work shops" and fellowship.

After his presentation, Mr. Fields answered the various questions the delegates of the Conference had relative to the formation of the Eastern Association.

The Executive Committee gave its recommendation to the Conference for thought and consideration. The recommendation would be discussed and voted on at the afternoon session.

Mr. Fields presented the record of OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION giving in 1966 by distributing copies of the Southern Conference News to each person present. Included in this issue was the 1967 goals for each church.

At 11:30 the Conference recessed for lunch at the Chapel Hill restaurant, the ZOOM ZOOM. It was a delightful lunch.

At one o'clock the Conference was called to order by the President. Whereupon the Rev. Eugene Amick led the delegates and visitors assembled in a hymn and gave the prayer to open the afternoon session.

Dr. F. C. Lester was introduced and brought to the Conference a deep spirit of concern for the mission of the church around the world.

Dr. James Lightbourne gave a report of his stewardship as Conference Minister.

Dr. Clyde Fields gave account of his stewardship as Area Minister.

Dr. William T. Scott brought greetings from Elon College and Dr. J. Earl Danieley.

Dr. W. W. Snyder, Superintendent of the Elon Home For Children, gave a report of the stewardship of his institution.

Rev. Joe French, Chairman of the Committee on Church and Ministry, gave that Committee's report. This report was read to the delegates. The persons named in the report were introduced to the delegates. Mr. French then made the motion that the Conference approve the report of the Committee on Church and Ministry. The motion was properly seconded and adopted by the Conference.

Mr. Lynn Ogburn was licensed to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments in the church he serves. The service of licensure was lead by the Rev. Joe French.

The Audit Committee report was given by Mr. Odell Arnold. The report stated that the Treasurer's books had been examined and were found to be correct.

By proper motion and second all the various committee reports were adopted as actions of the Conference.

The report and recommendation of the Executive Committee was brought to the floor for discussion and consideration. The report included the following recommendation with respect to the formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference:

That the Eastern North Carolina Conference proceed in cooperation with the other Conferences and Acting Associations of the Southern Conference in the formation of new Associations. That the Eastern North Carolina Conference become a part of the New Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

We further recommend that we receive the information on realignment and the proposed constitution for study and consideration and that the delegates to this session return to an adjourned session to be held April 11, 1967 to take action on the proposal.

The report of the Executive Committee was moved and seconded. After discussion the report was adopted.

The Nominating Committee recommended that the same officers serve again in 1967. Their recommendation became the action of the Conference by proper motion, seconded and the vote of the delegates assembled.

The motion was then made that the Conference recess until April 11, 1967, or such time as the Executive Committee might designate to take determinative action on the formation of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference.

Grant J. Burns, Secretary

#### Exhibit A

### TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 15, 1965 to October 15, 1966

Opening Balance .....	\$ 199.28
Receipts from Conference .....	3,198.72
Total .....	<u>\$ 3,398.00</u>

#### Disbursements:

Annals .....	\$ 162.60
Secretary salary and expense .....	65.00
Conference President's expense .....	58.15
Conference Speaker's expense .....	40.00
Ministers' Hospital Insurance .....	1,600.32
Printing expense .....	44.95
N. C. Council of Churches .....	75.00
Ministers' Group Life Insurance .....	166.25
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$ 2,212.27</u>
Balance on hand October 15, 1966 .....	\$ 1,185.73
Total Accounted for .....	<u>\$ 3,398.00</u>

## **Exhibit B**

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY OF THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

We recommend:

1. That Eugene Amick be given the privilege of call, and that he be ordained in our conference as soon as this can be arranged.
2. That the Reverend T. N. Daughtry and the Reverend Carl Dixon who hold local conference ordination, have their standing continued.
3. That the local conference ordination of the Reverend Ronald Nichols be continued.
4. That the Reverend J. Rex Thomas be received from the WNC and that his local conference ordination be continued. Mr. Thomas is a student at Lancaster Theological Seminary.
5. That the Reverend Spurgeon Bailey and the Reverend Leslie Wicker be continued as licentiates with the privilege of administering the sacraments in the churches they serve.
6. That the Reverend Jimmy Temple be continued as a licentiate with the privilege of administering the sacraments in the churches he serves, and that he be considered for local ordination when he has completed the certificate course at Southeastern Seminary.
7. That Mr. William Strother be continued in the In Care Class.
8. That Mr. Clarence Gunter be granted the standing of Lay Minister as defined in the Manual on the Ministry of the United Church of Christ and that he study under the direction of the Reverend Collie Seymour.
9. That Lynn Ogburn, who comes to the ENC Conference from the NC-VA Conference and is now a student at Southeastern Seminary, be licensed to preach with the privilege of administering the Sacraments.

The following transfers have been made: The Reverend Martin Fogleman, who held local conference ordination, to the NC-VA Conference; The Reverend Conrad Cornelius, who held local conference ordination, to the EVA Conference; The Reverend Willis Joiner, to the EVA Conference; The Reverend Garland Bennett has been received from the EVA Conference; The Reverend Ellis N. Clark has been received from the EVA Conference and the Reverend Alfred M. Campbell to the EVA Conference.

## **Exhibit C**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Your Executive Committee met three times during this Calendar year. This year has involved only routine business. The three called meetings were for the purpose of planning the fall conference and discussing proposals

leading to an eventual formation of the Eastern Association of the Southern Conference. The actions of the executive committee relative to this matter will be given in the proceedings of the Conference program.

Grant J. Burns, Secretary  
Lowell Smoot, Chairman

## MINUTES of SPRING 1967 EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The Eastern N. C. Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, (An acting Association of the United Church of Christ, Southern Conference), an adjourned session at Chapel Hill United Church of Christ, April 18, 1967 was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the President, The Rev. Lowell Smoot, President, and Grant J. Burns, Secretary.

The motion was properly made and seconded, and approved by the Conference in session, that the printed program be the order of business for the day.

The Rev. Eugene Amick, pastor of the Eutaw Community Church, Fayetteville, led the devotional moments.

The Rev. Joe French presented the recommendations of the committee on Church and Ministry. Each candidate for the ministry was introduced by Mr. French. The motion was made and properly seconded that the committee's report and recommendations be approved. The motion was passed unanimously. Then followed a service of licensure for Mr. Eddie H. Franks, and Sidney T. Johnson.

The minutes of the fall session of the Conference were read and the Secretary affirmed that these were true and accurate.

The Secretary then read the resolution of the Executive Committee. The Secretary, Grant J. Burns, moved the adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Garland Bennett. The Resolution is attached to these minutes.

Mrs. John L. Grissom then made a substitute motion: "I move that we postpone action on this proposal until the meeting of our Fall Conference." The motion was then seconded, but when the question was called for, the motion failed to pass the approval of the conference.

At this time the previous motion again received the attention of the Conference. A motion was then made and properly seconded that the vote on the Resolution be determined by secret ballot. This was approved by the Conference.

Motion was made and seconded that debate on the previous question be closed. This was approved by the Conference.



After proper certification of the ballots, the Executive Committee Resolution was approved with the vote being 51 in favor and 11 against.

In response to the approval of the resolution several persons spoke to the Conference in praise of the action taken. Among those who spoke were: Dr. James Lightbourne, Odell Arnold, Joe French and the Rev. Clyde Fields.

Motion was then made that the Conference adjourn, it was properly seconded, and the Conference was adjourned after prayer by the Rev. Garland Bennett.

### COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY REPORT

After personal conferences with the candidates for the ministry in our Eastern North Carolina Conference, we recommend:

1. That the Rev. Elmo M. Allcox be received into our Conference from the Valley of Virginia.
2. That the Reverends Elmo M. Allcox, Tiney N. Daughtry, and Carl J. Dixon be given full ordination standing in the Gospel Ministry.
3. That the Rev. Billy H. Griffin, having been recommended by his church, the United Church of Raleigh, be received into our Conference in full standing as a minister.
4. That the Rev. Ronald A. Nichols, who has been ordained by the Disciples fellowship and who continues his ministerial education be recognized as fully ordained and that he be granted dual standing with the Disciples Church and by the United Church of Christ.
5. That the Rev. Jimmy E. Temple be ordained to the full Gospel Ministry when he has completed his Seminary training.
6. That Mr. Eddie H. Franks be received into the conference and that he be licensed to preach with the privilege of administering the Sacraments.
7. That Sidney T. Johnson, a member of the Morrisville United Church, be granted a license to preach.
8. That the Rev. Nicholas Spurgeon Bailey be granted Conference ordination with the understanding that he continue to pursue the Conference Course of Study.
9. That the Reverends Lynn Ogburn, J. Rex Thomas, and Leslie C. Wicker be commended for their Seminary studies and that Mr. Ogburn and Mr. Wicker be continued as licentiates with privileges of the Sacraments, and that Mr. Thomas' Conference Ordination be continued.
10. That Mr. William A. Strother be commended for his efforts in pursuing the Conference Course of Study and that he be continued in the "In Care" class.
11. That Mr. Clarence W. Gunter be continued as a Lay Minister and he continue his Study under the direction of the Rev. Collie Seymour.

12. That we welcome the expressed desire of Miss Donna McDowell to prepare for a missionary career and wish her well in pursuing the R. N. Course of study at Watts Hospital.

J. Frank Apple  
Garland B. Bennett  
Joe A. French, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**April 18, 1967**

1. The Executive Committee in session has considered the matter of the action taken at the last Annual Meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Conference held at Chapel Hill, November 1, 1966 and have given approval to the minutes of same.
2. The proposed constitution for the new Association has been available to all the churches for study and consideration.
3. The Executive Committee in two or more sessions has given due consideration to the desirability of forming the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference.
4. We further note that all the other Conferences in North Carolina have given affirmative approval in this matter.
5. That the Executive Committee hereby recommends that the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference become a part of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference through the adoption of the following resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

In order that the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference might become a part of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ now being formed, the following Resolution is presented for the approval of the delegates at this adjourned session being held at the Chapel Hill United Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, this 18th day of April, 1967.

### **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:**

That the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference join with other similar bodies or parts of same in the formation of The Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference, Inc., the boundaries of said Association to be those known as the Eastern North Carolina Administrative Area of the Southern Conference.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference, Inc., be approved in principle

subject to the final approval of the delegates to the First Annual Meeting of the said Association.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That in order to continue without break in its historic continuity, the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference hereby assigns its member churches and ministers, rights, powers, duties, obligations, and all real or personal property owned by it to the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference, Inc.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Executive Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference be empowered and instructed to sign such necessary instruments and to perform any and all duties necessary in order that the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference may become a part of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference, Inc.

Lowell A. Smoot, President  
Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference

Grant J. Burns, Secretary  
Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference

PROCEEDINGS  
Of The  
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE  
An Acting Association of the United Church of Christ  
BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
United Church of Christ  
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

The One Hundred Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order at the Bethlehem Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia, at 10:15 A.M., October 27, 1966, by the president, the Rev. Robert Bennett.

The Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" was sung.

The Rev. Bill Simmons recognized the ministers who had moved to serve churches within the Conference since the last session; and those who had moved within the Conference:

Rev. Willis Joiner, South Norfolk  
Rev. Lafayette Wilkins, Portsmouth United  
Rev. A. M. Campbell, Great Bridge  
Rev. Dan Bowers, Bethlehem  
Rev. Merle Sollinger, Waverly  
Rev. Conrad Cornelius, Hopewell and Prince George

The following visitors were recognized:

Dr. W. T. Scott, Director of Church Relations, Elon College  
Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President, Elon College  
Dr. W. W. Snyder, Executive Director, Elon Home for Children  
Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Southern Conference Minister

Special Committees appointed by the president:

**Audit and Finance:** Dwight Moore, Ruth O'Leary, T. F. Liverman, Jr.

**Resolution:** Carl E. Wallace, Ray Phelts, Conrad Cornelius

Parliamentarian appointed: Mr. Lewis Rawls.

The program was presented and it was moved that it be the order of the day, with such changes as the conference may make. **Voted.**

The report of the Executive Committee was presented and adopted. Exhibit No. 1.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented, accepted and referred to the Audit Committee.

The report of the Church and Ministry was presented. Certain items were debated and the report was adopted. Exhibit No. 2.

Dr. F. C. Lester reported on his world trip, relating experiences of his visits to mission work of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Lester inspired the delegates and visitors by telling what the church is doing and what difference the church is making because it is there.

The Conference passed a resolution authorizing the President and Secretary to dispose of a parcel of land left to the Conference. Mr. Lewis Rawls will write the Resolution in proper legal language and mail it to the Conference Secretary.

After the presentation of the report by the Committee on Christian Education, the Conference adjourned for lunch.

Following the lunch hour, The Christian Missionary Association held its annual session.

After the Hymn, the Rev. Carroll Lewis reported on his trip to the Holy Land, and other countries.

The two fraternal delegates recognized.

The Conference Minister, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., spoke briefly to the Conference.

The Rev. Bill Simmons, Area Minister for Virginia, spoke of his recent trip to South America. He also presented certificates of merit to those churches that had paid their Apportionment in full.

For the institutions: Dr. W. W. Snyder reported that the Elon Home for Children is presently responsible for 81 boys and girls.

Dr. J. Earl Danieleley, spoke for Elon College, telling of the tragic loss by fire of East Dormitory, and the equipment from the Science Department that was stored in the dormitory while the Science Building was being renovated. He said that foundations and friends of the college had responded to help purchase new equipment. Three new dormitories for men students were opened in the fall, the Union Building is being finished and soon land would be broken for the new Library.

The following reports were given and adopted:

- World Missions
- Church Extension
- Lay Life and Work
- Budget and Finance
- Women's Fellowship
- Pilgrim Fellowship
- Churchmen's Fellowship
- The Virginia Council of Churches
- Alcohol Education

The Nominating Committee was given and it was moved by the Rev. Bill Grissom that it be accepted. Voted. A motion was made that the Secretary cast one unanimous vote for the election of the officers. The motion was approved and the secretary cast the ballot. Exhibit No. 3.



The Report of the Committee for the Future of the Virginia Conference brought on a lively discussion and after much debate it was voted that action on this matter be postponed for a year. Exhibit No. 4.

The Committee on Audit and Finance reported that they had examined the books of the Treasurer, and to the best of their knowledge, the report was true and in order. It was moved and voted that the Treasurer's Report and that of the Audit and Finance be approved. Exhibit No. 5.

The Resolutions committee expressed appreciation to the Bethlehem Church for its hospitality, to the officers and committee members for their work, the speakers who had enriched the Conference by their speeches and witness.

It was moved and voted that greetings be sent to the Rev. T. Fred Wright, whose health would not allow him to attend this session of Conference.

The newly elected officers were installed by the Rev. Bill Simmons.

George W. Core was given "Limited Ordination."

The Rev. Carl Wallace presided at the celebration of Holy Communion.

Final adjournment.

## **EXHIBIT # 1**

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee has met twice since the last Conference session. The first meeting was held on May 4, 1966, for the purpose of discussing a small parcel of land that was willed to the Eastern Virginia Conference. The deed for this property was turned over to Mr. Lewis Rawls for investigation with suitable action to be taken at a later date.

The second meeting was held September 6, 1966. Mr. T. F. Liverman, Jr. met with the committee with a request for his standing in the ministry to be elevated to Full Ordination. A motion was made and voted to approve whatever action the Committee on the Ministry would take in regards to this request. The Committee on the Ministry voted the following day to grant the request of Mr. Liverman.

The committee outlined the program for the fall conference, with the detailing work left with the president.

It was reported that the Virginia Council of Churches is making a study of the trends in population growth in Tidewater Virginia Area, and has asked that we give financial support to this project. The committee voted to endorse our participation with a limit in cost of \$100.00. Should our participa-

tion in this study significantly exceed this amount, the Executive Committee is to be consulted for further action.

Submitted by,  
W. H. Rankins, Jr.  
Robert B. Marr  
Lewis Rawls  
J. Robert Bennett, President  
Earl T. Farrell, Secretary  
Richard J. Holland, Treasurer

## EXHIBIT # 2

### CHURCH AND MINISTRY

The Committee on Church and Ministry makes the following recommendations:

1. That we transfer the following ministers:
  - The Rev. Frank Hamilton to the Florida Conference.
  - The Rev. Charles Pegram to the Florida Conference.
  - The Rev. James Rumley to the Penn. So. East Conference.
  - The Rev. Garland Bennett to the Eastern N. C. Conference.
  - The Rev. William Joyner to the Philadelphia (Pa.) Conference.
  - The Rev. Victor Hayes to the proper Association in the Ohio Conference, upon request.
  - The Rev. Ellis N. Clark to the Eastern N. C. Conference.
  - The Rev. Thomas D. Sutton to the N. C. and Va. Conference, upon request.
2. That we receive the following ordained ministers into our Conference:
  - The Rev. Andrew K. Helmhold, from the Potomac Association of the Central Atlantic Conference.
  - The Rev. Willis E. Joiner, from Eastern N. C. Conference.
  - The Rev. A. M. Campbell, from Eastern N. C. Conference.
  - The Rev. Merle F. Sollinger, upon the receipt of the proper credentials from the Southern Synod.
  - The Rev. Daniel A. Bowers, upon request and receipt of the proper credentials.
3. That we receive into "Conference Ordination" the following:
  - Mr. Conrad Cornelius, who previously held this standing in the Eastern N. C. Conference.
  - Mr. George Core, Buccaneer Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
4. That the following be continued in "Conference Ordination:"
  - Mr. Jack LaMonte, Chaplain, Prison Camp.
  - Mr. Morris Taylor, Box 129, Sunbury, N. C.
  - Mr. W. B. Daniel, 1108 Virginia Ave., Chesapeake, Virginia.
5. That the status of "Full Ordination" be granted to:
  - Thomas F. Liverman, 7805 Sheryl Dr., Norfolk, Virginia.

6. That the following be continued as "Licentiate":  
Mrs. Wilkerson Holland, Holland, Virginia.
7. That the following be continued as "Candidate in care" of the Conference:  
Mr. Oscar Fowler, Elon College, N. C.
8. That the following be continued in status of "Lay Minister":  
Mrs. Walter Graham, 1163 Normandy Dr., Suffolk, Va.  
Mr. E. C. Smith, Eure, North Carolina.  
Mr. James Strickland, 2901 Rodgers St., Chesapeake, Virginia.
9. That the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Virginia Conference encourage the churches to pay the full cost of hospital insurance for the ministers who serve them. Notice has recently been given by the Southern Conference that payment of half of this cost out of Apportionment will be discontinued in 1967. The cost of the Southern Conference Group Hospital Plan for Ministers is \$19.32 per quarter for an individual, and \$51.00 per quarter for a family.
10. That the churches and members of the Eastern Virginia Conference be reminded that the Suffolk Christian Church has in its care a Dr. W. W. Staley Scholarship Fund for the use at Elon College of students from Suffolk and the Eastern Virginia area who are preparing for full-time Christian vocations. Such students are encouraged to apply for scholarship aid to the Suffolk Christian Church. The fund provides \$300 per year for such scholarship help.
11. That in a period of inflation the churches be encouraged to increase the compensation to their ministers, with particular consideration of the standard of living he must maintain, and his parish expects him to maintain, in order to do his best work. Ministers are generally hesitant to discuss their financial needs with official boards, and many times churches are surprised when their minister leaves them when they thought he was happy, but actually he was not able to survive on the compensation provided. Churches need to be reminded that if their minister is young, he will need to furnish his home and often repay college debts. Churches should also consider that if their minister is not young, he must educate his children, and save for emergencies, and try to get into a position to purchase a home when he retires. Also, a recent study revealed that a pastor travels an average of 13,468 miles each year on church business. Rural and small town pastors frequently travel more miles than this. The average minister generally does not complain of inadequate compensation, but often he is aware of its injustice and this awareness lowers his morale and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Chairman  
The Rev. Carl Dollar  
The Rev. Rosser Clapp  
The Rev. H. S. Hardeastle  
The Rev. Carroll Lewis  
The Rev. Raymond Phelts

### EXHIBIT # 3

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference, would like to submit the following names in nomination for officers for the year 1966-67:

President ..... Rev. J. Robert Bennett  
Vice-President ..... Mr. J. Lewis Rawls, Jr.  
Secretary ..... Mr. W. H. Baker  
Treasurer ..... Mr. Richard J. Holland  
Executive Committee .... The Rev. Robert Marr, Mr. William Rankins  
Trustees ..... Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Mr. Floyd Turner  
Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches:  
    Rev. A. Warren Matthews, Mr. John T. Kernodle, Mrs. Garland Spratley  
Representative to the Chaplain's Service .... The Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Jr.  
Representative to the Alcohol Education Council,  
    Inc., of Virginia Churches ..... The Rev. J. Robert Bennett

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. William A. Grissom  
Mr. Don Liverman  
Mr. Mills C. Luter, Chairman

### EXHIBIT # 4

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

The Committee on the Future of the Eastern Virginia Conference has held several meetings during the past year to study plans for the future of the Conference. We were informed that in each of the other Conferences there had been appointed a similar Committee who were concerning themselves with this same problem. Therefore, a joint meeting was held May 13-14 at Moonelon. At this meeting a plan was developed which is being submitted to each of the Conferences in session this fall. We submit this plan to you for consideration and study only. We do not recommend that it be voted on at this session. It is our hope that the delegates will take this plan to their churches for study and then come to the Fall Conference of 1967 prepared to vote on it.

The plan to be considered is as follows:

- (1) Approve one Association for the Virginia Administrative Area.
- (2) Approve three Districts for fellowship, study, work, etc.  
    (Three Districts—Norfolk, Suffolk, Waverly)
- (3) Instruct the Steering Committee to proceed with writing a constitution and prior to the 1967 annual meeting of the two Acting Associations, present the constitution to the local churches for study

and consideration. The Constitution shall describe duties of (a) Officers, (b) Committees, (c) Finance of Association, (d) Legal Status.

(The suggested constitution has already been prepared and is being made available at this session of Conference.)

- (4) Target date for formation of Association is January 1, 1968. When Association is formed January 1, 1968, elected officers of the two Acting Associations will serve as co-officers through 1968.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Ruth O'Leary  
James F. Darden  
Dwight Moore  
C. E. Cherry  
W. A. Grissom, Chairman

#### EXHIBIT # 5

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1965-1966

##### Receipts:

Balance — September 30, 1965 .....	\$ 6,301.29
1965-1966 Apportionments, Southern Conference .....	6,249.33
Total Balance and Receipts .....	\$12,550.62

##### Disbursements:

The Southern Conference—Insurance for Ministers .....	\$ 3,188.21
The Southern Conference—Printing Annuals .....	298.10
Secretary's Salary .....	75.00
Printing, Supplies, Report Covers, Bulletins and President's Expense .....	95.62
The Southern Conference, Salary Assistance for Bill Simmons ....	1,000.00
John F. McCloy—Expenses Attending Council of Churches Mtgs. ....	21.50
Suffolk Insurance Corporation—Treasurer's Bond Premium .....	5.00
Christian Education Committee Expenses .....	61.11
Va. Council of Churches—Contribution .....	300.00
Alcohol Education Council of Va. Churches—Contribution ....	50.00
Chaplain Service—Contribution .....	100.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 5,194.54
Balance — September 30, 1966 .....	\$ 7,356.08

#### RECAPITULATION

Balance — September 30, 1965 .....	\$ 6,301.29
Total Receipts — 1965-1966 .....	6,249.33
Total Balance and Receipts .....	12,550.62
Less Total Disbursements — 1965-1966 .....	5,194.54
Balance — September 30, 1966—Farmers Bank, Windsor, Va. ....	\$ 7,356.08

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard J. Holland, Treasurer



## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Oct. 1, 1965-Oct. 1, 1966  
(see p. 47 of 1965 annual)

### Revenue:

Southern Convention Apport. \$5500

### Disbursements:

Minister's Life & Hosp. Ins. 3200

Virginia Council of Churches 300

Chaplain Service ..... 100

Alcohol Edu. C. of Va. Ch. .... 50

Sou. Conv. Annuals ..... 225

Secretary's Salary ..... 75

Conference Home Missions .... 1000

(For Rev. L. B. Simmons)

Administrative & Conf. Exp. 500

(to be administered by Ex. Comm.)

TOTAL .....\$5500

Oct. 1, 1966-Oct. 1, 1967

### Revenue:

Southern Conf. Apport. ....\$625

### Disbursements:

Omitted

Carried by Sou. Conf.

Carried by Sou. Conf.

Carried by Sou. Conf.

Omitted

Secretary's Salary ..... 75

Carried by Sou. Conf.

Administrative & Conf. Exp. .... 550

TOTAL .....\$625

Carl Wallace, Chairman

W. H. Baker

R. T. Grissom

Richard Holland

Roy Richardson

Victor Hayes

**PROCEEDINGS**  
of the  
**ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

An Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the  
United Church of Christ

The One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, an Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, meeting at the First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Virginia, Thursday, October 26, 1967, was called to order by the President, Rev. J. Robert Bennett.

The Rev. Alfred M. Campbell, Pastor of the Great Bridge United Church of Christ, conducted the Morning Devotional Service.

The Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Area Minister of the Eastern Virginia Area, was asked by the President to introduce the visitors and the new ministers who had moved into our area since the last session.

**NEW MINISTERS**

Rev. Richard Squire, Pastor of Mt. Carmel and Antioch Parish,  
Walters, Virginia

Rev. Philip F. Kahal, Intermediate Pastor of The Christian Temple,  
Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Rev. Daniel Bowers, Pastor of Disputanta United Church of Christ,  
Hopewell, Virginia

Rev. Carl Martin, Pastor of the Bayside United Church of Christ,  
Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Rev. James Wallace, Jr., Pastor of the Mt. Zion United Church of Christ,  
Eclipse, Virginia.

Rev. George W. Core, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Rev. Carl T. Daye, Pastor of the Pembroke Manor United Church of  
Christ, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**VISITORS**

Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister of the Southern  
Conference, Burlington, North Carolina.

Dr. J. Earl Danieleley, President of Elon College.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., Director of Church Relations, Elon College,  
Elon College, N. C. (Also a member of the E. Va. Conference).

Rev. Lawrence Leonard, Pastor of St. Marks United Church of Christ,  
Burlington, North Carolina.

Rev. Everette Neese, Albemarle, North Carolina.

Chaplain Lt. William E. Wilcox, USNR, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Chaplain Reuben S. Askew, Jr., Fort Dix, N. J.

The President appointed the following Special Committees:

**Audit And Finance**—Rev. Dwight W. Moore, Rev. Tom Liverman, Mr.  
W. H. Rankins, Jr., Mr. Jack Nurney.

**Place**—Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Dr. R. E. Brittle, Rev. Richard Squire.

The Secretary presented the Program and moved it to be the Order of  
the Day, subject to such changes as necessary. Motion-2nd.

Dr. H. S. Hardecastle amended the motion, that the Business Session  
scheduled for 2:15 P.M. be transposed, and that it take the place of the  
Christian Missionary Association Program, scheduled for 11:30 A.M. Amend-  
ment-2nd.

**Voted: EVC '67, 1**

The Amendment approved. That the Business Session be transposed, and  
that it be held at 11:30 A.M.

**Voted: EVC '67, 2**

That the Program be approved, subject to the amendment, subject to  
such changes as necessary.

The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Chairman of the Committee on Church and  
Ministry was recognized and gave his report. (Exhibit # 1).

**Voted: EVC '67, 3**

That the Report on Church and Ministry be approved.

The Secretary gave the Report of the Executive Committee. (Exhibit # 2).

**Voted: EVC '67, 4**

That the Report of the Executive Committee be approved.

The Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Area Minister of the Eastern Virginia Area  
was recognized and he introduced Dr. Carl J. Sanders, District Superintendent  
of the Norfolk District Methodist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, who addressed the  
Conference.

The Secretary gave his Annual Report. (Exhibit # 3).

**Voted: EVC '67, 5**

That the Report of the Secretary be approved.

The Treasurer gave his Annual Report. (Exhibit # 4).

**Voted: EVC '67, 6**

That the Report of the Treasurer be received and referred to the Audit and Finance Committee.

Rev. W. A. Grissom, Chairman of the Committee on the Future of the Eastern Virginia Conference, was recognized and asked to make his report. (Exhibit # 5).

**Voted: EVC '67, 7**

That the Report of the Committee on the Future of the Eastern Virginia Conference be considered.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College was appointed by the President to be the Parliamentarian.

**Voted: EVC '67, 8**

That we follow the Order of the Day.

The Conference recessed for Lunch, which was served by the Ladies of the First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Virginia.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Afternoon Session was called to order by the President.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. Richard Squire, Pastor of Mt. Carmel and Antioch Parish.

Mr. J. Lewis Rawls, Jr., Vice President of the Eastern Virginia Conference, made the following Substitute Motion.

That it be the sense of this Eastern Virginia Conference, that the Eastern Virginia Conference shall hereafter be constituted as to Churches, Areas and Congregations, as it is presently constituted.

The Secretary raised the question if a Substitute Motion was in order?

The Parliamentarian ruled that such a motion was in order if the motion does not make the affirmative the negative.

The Substitute Motion was 2nd.

Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister, addressed the Conference explaining the Synod and Conference position on the formation of Associations.

**Voted: EVC '67, 9**

That we consider the Previous Question.

**Voted: EVC '67, 10**

That the vote on the Substitute Motion be by roll call of the Churches, and by standing vote of the delegates present.

**Voted: EVC '67, 11**

The Substitute Motion was defeated.

**Voted: EVC '67, 12**

That the Report on the Future of the Eastern Virginia Conference be received for study.

The Christian Missionary Association then held its 76th Annual Session. President Bennett then called for the Reports of the Standing Committees.  
Church Extension Committee  
Committee on Memoirs  
Committee on Resolutions  
Alcohol Education Council of Virginia Churches, Inc.  
Committee on Place  
Committee on Nominations

The Election of Officers for the Conference was then called.

Rev. Carl E. Wallace, Pastor of the First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Virginia, was nominated from the floor.

Mr. James F. Darden, member of the Suffolk Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia, was nominated for Vice President from the floor.

**Voted: EVC '67, 13**

The vote for President of the Eastern Virginia Conference was:

Rev. Carl E. Wallace — 35  
Rev. Willis E. Joiner — 38

Rev. Willis E. Joiner stated that he could not serve.

**Voted: EVC '67, 14**

That Rev. Carl E. Wallace be declared the elected President of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

**Voted: EVC '67, 15**

The vote for Vice President of the Eastern Virginia Conference was:

Mr. James F. Darden — 39  
Mr. J. Lewis Rawls, Jr. — 30

**Voted: EVC '67, 16**

That Mr. James F. Darden be declared the elected Vice President of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

**Voted: EVC '67, 17**

W. H. Baker elected Secretary of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

**Voted: EVC '67, 18**

Mr. Richard J. Holland elected Treasurer of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

**Voted: EVC '67, 19**

That the members of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference be:

Rev. Dwight Moore and Mr. Douglas McLain.



**Voted: EVC '67, 20**

That the Trustees of the Eastern Virginia Conference be:

Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr. and Mr. Floyd Turner.

**Voted: EVC '67, 21**

That the Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches be:

Rev. John Lackey, Rev. Merle Sollinger, Mrs. Garland Spratley.

**Voted: EVC '67, 22**

That the Representative to the Chaplain's Service be:

Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Jr.

**Voted: EVC '67, 23**

That the Representative to the Alcohol Education Council, Inc. of Virginia Churches be:

Rev. Carl E. Wallace.

**Voted: EVC '67, 24**

That the Executive Committee take action on the tentative invitation received from the Hunterdale United Church of Christ, Franklin, Virginia, to hold its 148th Annual Session with them.

**Voted: EVC '67, 25**

That the Audit and Finance Committee having found the Treasurer's Report in order that it be received, and approved.

**Voted: EVC '67, 26**

That the Reports received from the Standing Committees be approved.

Rev. Lawrence Leonard addressed the Conference on the United Church Retirement Home, urging the support of all the churches in the Conference.

Dr. J. Earl Danieleley addressed the Conference, telling of the fine progress of Elon College. Dr. Danieleley brought greetings from Dr. W. W. Snyder, Superintendent of the Elon Home for Children. He also brought good news that Dr. Clyde L. Fields was recovering from his recent heart attack, and was now at home.

Rev. L. B. Simmons, Area Minister, conducted the Installation Service for the new officers.

Rev. Merle Sollinger conducted the Closing Worship Service.

**Voted: EVC '67, 27**

That the Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, an Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ adjourn, to meet in October, 1968, the date and place to be decided by the Executive Committee.

J. Robert Bennett, President  
W. H. Baker, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH AND MINISTRY**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EASTERN VIRGINIA  
CONFERENCE IN ANNUAL MEETING:

1. RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ORDAINED MINISTERS INTO OUR  
CONFERENCE:

The Rev. J. Earl Gindlesperger, from the Penn. Central Conference.

The Rev. Richard T. Squire, from the New Hampshire Conference.

2. GRANT STANDING AS ORDAINED MINISTERS IN OUR CONFER-  
ENCE TO THE FOLLOWING UPON RECEIPT OF THEIR CRE-  
DENTIALS:

The Rev. Philip F. Kahal, from the North Carolina-Virginia Association.

The Rev. Millard Stevens, D.D., from the Tennessee Conference.

Lt. William E. Wilcox, Chaplain, CHC, USNR, from the North Dakota  
Conference.

The Rev. Carl Reed Martin, from the Southern Synod, Acting Association  
of the Southern Conference.

Mrs. John H. Cox

3. APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF MINISTERIAL STANDING (for the  
record) OF:

The Rev. H. Raymond Phelts, to the Shenandoah Association of the Central  
Atlantic Conference. (Transfer was granted May 19, 1967, by the  
Committee on the Ministry.)

The Rev. Earl T. Farrell, to the Western North Carolina Association of  
the Southern Conference.

The Rev. Thomas D. Sutton, to the Shenandoah Association of the Central  
Atlantic Conference.

4. APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF MINISTERIAL STANDING OF:

The Rev. St. Elmo Nauman, Jr., recently resigned minister of the Franklin  
Church, when request for transfer is received.

5. THAT WE CONTINUE IN "CONFERENCE ORDINATION:"

Mr. George Core, Buccaneer Road, Virginia Beach, Va.

Mr. Conrad Cornelius, 904 W. Poythress St., Hopewell, Va.

Mr. W. B. Daniel, 1108 Virginia Ave., Chesapeake, Va.

Mr. Jack LaMonte, Chaplain, Prison Camp, Route 1, Fentress, Va.

Mr. Morris Taylor, Box 129, Sunbury, North Carolina.

6. CONTINUE THE FOLLOWING AS "LICENTIATE:"

Mrs. Wilkerson Holland, Holland, Virginia.

7. CONTINUE THE FOLLOWING IN STATUS OF "LAY MINISTER:"

Mrs. Walter Graham, 1163 Normandy Drive, Suffolk, Va.

Mr. E. C. Smith, Eure, North Carolina  
Mr. James Strickland, 2901 Rodgers Street, Chesapeake, Va.

Committee Members,  
The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Chairman  
The Rev. A. M. Campbell  
The Rev. Rosser Lee Clapp  
The Rev. Carl Dollar  
The Rev. H. S. Hardecastle, D.D.  
The Rev. Carroll Lewis

**(EXHIBIT # 2)**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference, an Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ met Monday evening, August 14, 1967, at the Traveler's Rest Restaurant, Suffolk, Virginia, with the following members present: J. Robert Bennett, President; W. H. Baker, Secretary; Richard J. Holland, Treasurer; W. H. Rankins, Junior Member; Robert B. Marr, Member and L. Bill Simmons, Area Minister of the Eastern Virginia Acting Association.

The Committee was called to order by the President.

A Conference Certificate of Ordination was issued to George Core, signed by J. Robert Bennett, President, W. H. Baker, Secretary, and Robert B. Marr, Chairman of the Committee on Church and Ministry.

The President appointed the following to serve as the Nominating Committee:

Rev. W. A. Grissom, Windsor, Virginia  
Mr. Mack Miller, Rosemont, Norfolk, Virginia  
Mr. Jack Nurney, Suffolk, Virginia

The Secretary was instructed to send notice of the Annual Fall Conference. The Annual Session will be Thursday, October 26, 1967, at the First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Virginia, starting at 10:00 A.M.

The Committee decided that the Committee Reports received before the Annual Session will be given out at the Registration Desk and a full report of all committees and the minutes of the 1967 Session be published after the Annual Session and be sent to all ministers and churches.

The President informed the Committee that Mr. J. Lewis Rawls, Junior Vice President, would have the proper legal papers finished in regards to the property owned by the Conference, in the near future, and the Resolution passed by the 1966 Conference to dispose of certain property would be completed.

A tentative Conference Program was compiled and left for completion with the President and Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Area Minister. Mr. Simmons will look after the printing of the program.

Mr. Richard J. Holland gave a condensed report of the treasurer, as follows: Brought forward—\$7,356.08; Received—\$922.45; Disbursements \$675.68; Balance on Hand—\$7,702.85.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

J. Robert Bennett, President  
W. H. Baker, Secretary

Newport News, Virginia  
August 15, 1967

**(EXHIBIT # 3)**

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary has endeavored to fill all requirement that is expected of the elected position. Attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Conference, Monday evening, August 14, 1967, at Suffolk, Virginia. Answered all mail that has come to my office. Notified all ministers and churches of the Annual Session. A total of 116 pieces of mail sent out.

W. H. Baker, Secretary

**(EXHIBIT # 4)**

**EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT**

**1966-1967**

**Receipts:**

Balance—September 30, 1966 .....	\$7,356.08
Received from Southern Conference .....	922.45
Total Balance and Receipts .....	<u>\$8,278.53</u>

**Disbursements:**

Stewardship Council—300 Bulletins .....	\$ 5.25
J. Robert Bennett—President's expenses 1965-66	
telephone calls, meals and travel expenses .....	35.43
Donald W. Caffee—Yearbook covers, paper, certificates	
of merit and printing .....	50.00
Earl T. Farrell—Secretary's salary and expenses .....	80.00
Virginia Council of Churches—Study of population	
trends in Tidewater, Virginia .....	100.00
Virginia Council of Churches—Donation .....	300.00
Suffolk Insurance Corp.—Premium on Treasurer's bond .....	5.00
Alcohol Education Council, Inc.—Donation .....	100.00
J. Robert Bennett—Expenses .....	32.41
J. Robert Bennett—Expense—Executive Committee	
Dinner Meeting .....	13.19
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$ 721.28</u>
Balance—September 30, 1967 .....	\$7,557.25

### RECAPITULATION

Balance—September 30, 1966 .....	\$7,356.08
Total Receipts—1966-1967 .....	922.45
Total Balance and Receipts .....	<u>\$8,278.53</u>
Less Total Disbursements—1966-67 .....	721.28
Total .....	<u>\$7,557.25</u>
Balance—September 30, 1967 .....	\$7,557.25

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard J. Holland, Treasurer

### (EXHIBIT # 5)

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

The Committee on the Future of the Eastern Virginia Conference presented the following report to the Conference in session October 27, 1966. The report was considered and the Conference voted to "delay action" until this Conference session of 1967, Therefore your Committee re-submits the following report for study and consideration. We do not recommend that it be voted at this session, but that it be received for study and that the delegates come to the Conference session in 1968 prepared to vote.

The Committee wishes to call to your attention that a similar plan to this has already been adopted by every other Conference of the old Southern Conference area.

The plan to be considered is as follows:

1. Approve one Association for the Virginia Administrative Area.
2. Approve three Districts for fellowship, study, work, etc.  
(Three Districts -- Norfolk -- Suffolk -- Waverly)
3. A constitution for the proposed Association has been prepared and is presented at this session for your study.
4. Suggested target date for formation of the Association is January 1, 1969. When Association is formed, elected officers of the two Acting Associations will serve as co-officers through 1969.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. A. Grissom, Chairman  
Mrs. Ruth O'Leary  
Dwight Moore  
James Darden



PROCEEDINGS  
Of The  
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

(An Acting Association of the Southern Conference  
of the United Church of Christ)

The One Hundred Forty-eighth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, an Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, met Thursday, October 24, 1968, at the Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia.

The Morning Service opened at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Charles L. Smith, pastor of the Franklin United Church of Christ, conducted the Morning Devotions.

Dr. James Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister, was introduced by the Reverend Carl Wallace, President of the Eastern Virginia Conference, an Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, who in turn introduced Dr. Jack Y. Yates, Assistant to the President of the United Church of Christ, who gave the morning address.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. Carl Wallace.

The Secretary called the roll of churches with 141 delegates and visitors being counted.

The Reverend L. Bill Simmons, Virginia Area Minister, was introduced and he in turn introduced the new ministers of the Conference:

Rev. Charles L. Smith, Franklin  
Rev. Richard Prince, Rosemont  
Rev. Arthur Knauer, Windsor

Mr. Simmons then introduced the following visiting officials:

Dr. James Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister  
Dr. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College

The President appointed the following committees:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Carroll Lewis, Chairman  
Mrs. Raye V. Knight  
Rev. Robert Bennett

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Mills Luter, Chairman  
Mr. E. E. Waterfield  
Mr. Chester Burgess

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Joseph Talley, Chairman  
Mrs. Frank Cannon, Jr.  
Rev. Carl Daye

**Voted: EVC '68, 1**

Motion that Program as printed be the order of the day, subject to such changes as necessary.

Rev. Z. P. Jenkins, President of the Acting Association of the Eastern Virginia Conference (Convention of the South) was introduced as our Fraternal Visitor, who spoke briefly to the Conference.

Rev. Philip Kahal, Pastor of the Christian Temple, brought greetings from the Host Church.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Voted: EVC '68, 2**

Motion that the Report on Church and Ministry be approved and adopted. (See Report Book No. 1).

**Voted: EVC '68, 3**

Motion that the Report on Stewardship and Finance be received. (See Report Book No. 2).

**Voted: EVC '68, 4**

Motion that the Report on World Ministries be received. (See Report Book No. 3).

**Voted: EVC '68, 5**

Motion that the Report on Evangelism be received. (See Report Book No. 5).

**Voted: EVC '68, 6**

Motion that the Report on Church Extension be adopted. (See Report Book No. 6).

**Voted: EVC '68, 7**

Motion that the Report on Social Action, Health and Welfare be received. (See Report Book No. 7).

**Voted: EVC '68, 8**

Motion that the Report on Christian Education be received as information. (See Report Book No. 11).

**Voted: EVC '68, 9**

Motion that the Report on Lay Life and Work be received. (See Report Book No. 12).

**Voted: EVC '68, 10**

Motion that the Report on Alcohol Education be received as information, and that the request for funds be referred to the Executive Committee. (See Report Book No. 13).

**Voted: EVC '68, 11**

Motion that the Report on Virginia Council of Churches be received as information. (See Report Book No. 15).

**Voted: EVC '68, 12**

Motion that the Report on Memoirs be approved and adopted. (See Report Book No. 17).

Rev. Lafayette Wilkins, Pastor of the Portsmouth United Church of Christ, spoke on "Local Church Emphasis."

Rev. John Lackey gave the Benediction and thanks for our mid-day meal, which was served by the Ladies of the Christian Temple.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Afternoon Session was called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. James F. Darden.

Rev. Richard E. Prince gave the afternoon devotions.

The Annual Meeting of the Christian Missionary Association was then held, Mr. E. E. Waterfield, President, presided.

Mrs. Carl Wallace gave the report on Church Women. (See Report Book No. 19).

The report of the Churchmen's Fellowship was given. (See Report Book No. 20).

The report on Eastern Virginia Youth Fellowship was given by Miss Lynn Graham. (See Report Book No. 21).

The report of the Junior High Fellowship was given. (See Report Book No. 23).

The report of the Church School Convention was given by Rev. Rosser L. Clapp. (See Report Book No. 24).

Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., addressed the Conference on the work of the Southern Conference.

Rev. L. Bill Simmons addressed the Conference on the work in the Eastern Virginia Conference.

Mr. Ralph Robinson spoke on the Elon Home For Children.

Dr. J. Earl Danielty addressed the Conference on the work at Elon College and its progress.

Mr. George F. Ricketts gave a report on the Virginia Chaplain Service. The Conference recessed for a fifteen minute coffee break.

### **RECONVENED**

**Voted: EVC '68, 13**

Motion the report be received, and that we give \$100 a year for three (3) years be referred to the Executive Committee.

**Voted: EVC '68, 14**

Motion that the Report of the Secretary be received. (See Report Book No. 25).

**Voted: EVC '68, 15**

Motion that the report of the Treasurer be received. (See Report Book No. 26).

**Voted: EVC '68, 16**

Motion that the report of the Executive Committee be received. (See Report Book No. 27).

Mr. James F. Darden, Chairman of the Special Study Committee gave a report on the work of this Special Committee and their findings. (See Report Book No. 28).

**Voted: EVC '68, 17**

Motion that Section No. 1, 2, and 3, as reported by the Special Study Committee be accepted and approved.

A division was called for —

A standing Vote was taken as follow: FOR—84                      AGAINST—33

**Voted: EVC '68, 18**

Motion that if any major changes in regard to the merger of Churches be acted on by the Executive Committee during the year, that each Church in the Conference be notified thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Conference.

**Voted: EVC '68, 19**

Motion that the Report of the Audit Committee be approved. The Treasurer's Books found to be in order.

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given to Mr. Richard J. Holland who had served as Treasurer for the past eight years.

**Voted: EVC '68, 20**

Motion that the Report of the RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE be accepted and approved.

**Voted: EVC '68, 21**

Motion that the Report of the Nominating Committee be accepted. (See Report Book No. 30).

**Voted: EVC '68, 22**

Motion that the officers selected by the Nominating Committee be elected as the officers of the Eastern Virginia Conference for the year 1968-1969.

The Installation Service for the newly elected officers was conducted by Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister.

## **EVENING SESSION**

The Evening Session was a service of Worship with Dr. Judson King, of Franklinton Center, Bricks, North Carolina.

Rev. Carl E. Wallace adjourned the Conference.

Carl E. Wallace, President  
W. H. Baker, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND MINISTRY

To the annual meeting of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches (an Acting Association of the United Church of Christ), Thursday, October 23rd, 1968:

1. It is recommended that the following be granted full standing as ORDAINED MINISTERS: The Reverend Richard Prince, The Reverend Arthur Knauer.
2. It is recommended that the Reverend Charles Lindy Smith be granted the status of "Privilege of Call" for a period of one year subject to annual review.
3. It is requested that approval be given for the granting of the status of "Licentiate" to Mr. Jerome R. Freund (Chaplain at Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg).
4. It is recommended that the following status be granted to Mrs. Wilkerson Holland of "Licentiate" with the privilege to administer the sacraments and rites of the Church in the Holland Christian Church for a period of one year, subject to annual review.
5. It is recommended that the following be continued in "Conference Ordination" for a period of one year, subject to annual review:

Mr. George Core, Virginia Beach

Mr. Conrad Cornelius, Hopewell

Mr. W. B. Daniel, Chesapeake

Mr. Jack F. LaMonte, Chesapeake

Mr. Morris E. Taylor, Sunbury, North Carolina

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert Marr

Rev. Carl Daye

Rev. H. S. Hardcastle

Rev. William Grissom

Rev. Carroll Lewis

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

Three distinguished names appear on the list of ministers of the Eastern Virginia Conference who have entered the Church Triumphant since our last annual meeting: Dollar, Poythress, McCauley. The years of their service as ordained ministers of the Gospel comes to the impressive total of 140, and the influence of their lives is inextricably woven into the fabric of the life of the Church.

CHARLES CARL DOLLAR came from Alabama. He was educated in the schools of his native state and was a graduate of Elon College. His divinity degree was from Vanderbilt University. He was ordained in 1928.

He served a number of congregations in Alabama, Texas, and Minnesota, and was for a time a member of the staff of the Southeast Convention of



Congregational Christian Churches. During World War II he was an army chaplain attached to the air corps.

In 1958 Carl Dollar became pastor of the Holland Christian Church, and for ten years he served his conference and his congregation with faithfulness and distinction.

He died Sunday, April 28, 1968.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Florence P. Dollar, a daughter and a son.

OLIVE DANIEL POYTHRESS was a native of North Carolina. He received his education there and graduated from Elon College in 1915. The same year he became pastor of the South Norfolk Christian Church, and he served the same congregation until his retirement in 1958, a total of 43 years. He had been ordained in 1916.

"Red" Poythress loved to sing and had many opportunities to do so. He was widely known and loved throughout his community, served as chairman of the South Norfolk Board of Education for about ten years, and during his life was the recipient of numerous citizenship and community leadership awards. A scholarship bearing his name has been established at Elon College by the South Norfolk Church.

He died Tuesday, May 28, 1968.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel H. Poythress, three sons and two daughters.

JOSEPH EARLY McCAULEY was a native of North Carolina, received his early education there, and was a graduate of Elon College. His divinity degree was from Vanderbilt University. He was ordained in 1920.

He served a number of congregations in North Carolina and Virginia, and in 1944 he became pastor of the Waverly Parish (Centerville, Spring Hill and Waverly). He was regarded with respect and affection by all who knew him and was a good pastor to his people. For many years he also served as assistant principal of the Wakefield, Virginia, High School.

In 1962 he retired because of failing health. He died Saturday, August 24, 1968.

Mrs. McCauley died several years ago.

For all the saints who from the labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
The name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia!

(William W. How)

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas H. Britton

**REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE  
OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**  
(Acting Association, United Church of Christ)

After diligent study and deliberation this Study Committee agreed

unanimously that the Eastern Virginia Conference should reorganize to form one Association in Eastern Virginia of the United Church of Christ.

It is the opinion of this committee that the Eastern Virginia Conference of the Southern Convention rendered invaluable service to the churches constituting its membership the first 100 years of its history by serving as the vehicle of interchurch communication and inspiration. Its annual meetings afforded the opportunity for churches to meet together to share common problems and common opportunities. This was a necessary and valuable arrangement from the beginning of our Conference in the early 1800's until 1930. With the advent of the automobile, paved roads, telephone and radio, the role of communication and information fulfilled by our Conference steadily decreased and it became more social in nature. This was a natural progression and it attested to by the fact that our Conference meetings have reduced from a three day meeting to one of a few hours.

The opportunity now exists for our Conference to once again function as an organization for spiritual leadership, and to a lesser degree to one of communication and information. The proposed formation of the Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ offers such an opportunity. The reasons are as follows:

1. PRACTICAL — with two acting associations in the area there is duplication in programming and activities which results in waste of time, effort and money.
2. SOCIAL TO EDUCATION — reorganization will change the associational stance from social to educational.
3. HISTORICAL — our denominational history has brought us to a crossroads which leaves us the option of "going it alone" or staying in the larger Fellowship.
4. ETHICAL — There is a rightness about neighborliness and help by the strong for the weak in reorganization.

This committee is aware of those of our membership who hold to the past and are reluctant to be a part of change. We call to their attention that these changes are now a fact and they necessitate immediate action. After careful deliberation the following action is recommended to the Executive Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference:

1. That the President of the Eastern Virginia Conference and the Virginia Area Minister be instructed to send a message to the Executive Committee of the Convention of the South informing them that we are now studying the action necessary for forming the Association and beg their indulgence.
2. That the Executive Committee of the two Acting Associations begin joint meetings with utmost dispatch.

3. That plans be made for a joint worship service with the two Acting Associations at the Annual Fall meeting in 1968.

Respectively submitted,  
 Mr. James F. Darden  
 Rev. Dwight Moore  
 Mr. Douglas McClain  
 Mrs. Roy Richardson  
 Mr. Chester Burgess  
 Rev. Bill Simmons, Ex-officio

## REPORT OF EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE TREASURER

1967-1968

### RECEIPTS:

Balance September 30, 1967 .....	\$ 7,557.25
Interest on Certificate of Deposit .....	70.00
Interest on Savings Account .....	30.00
Total Balance and Interest .....	<u>\$ 7,657.25</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Donald W. Caffee—Printing, envelopes, paper, etc. ....	\$ 63.60
W. H. Baker—Secretary's salary and Expenses .....	94.79
Carl E. Wallace—President's expenses .....	44.25
Dr. Carl J. Sanders—Honorarium .....	25.00
Mrs. Oscar Crittenden—Refreshments for Leadership Retreat .....	6.58
Carroll Lewis—Church Emphasis Committee expense ....	75.00
L. Bill Simmons—Postage .....	15.00
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries—Postage ..	1.60
Thomas Liverman—Expenses for Dr. Herbster's visit ..	22.35
Council for Christian Social Action—Social Action Committee expenses .....	12.50
Pembroke Manor Church—Contribution .....	4,000.00
Suffolk Insurance Corp.—Premium on Treasurer's bond ..	5.00
Stanley Wagner—Social Ministry Committee expenses ..	50.20
P. F. Kahal—Registration for Virginia Council on Social Work .....	2.00
Green's Florist—Flowers for Rev. Poythress and Rev. Dollar funerals .....	16.70
Alcohol Education Council, Inc. of Virginia Churches—Contribution .....	100.00
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$ 4,534.57</u>
Balance, September 30, 1968—Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia .....	\$ 3,122.68
Savings Account—Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia .....	3,030.00
Checking Account—Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia .....	92.68
Total on Deposit .....	<u>\$ 3,122.68</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Richard J. Holland, Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference submits the following names for nomination for officers for the the year 1968-1969:

President ..... Rev. Carl Wallace, Hampton First  
Vice President ..... Mr. James F. Darden, Suffolk Christian  
Secretary ..... Mr. W. H. Baker, Hampton First  
Treasurer ..... Mr. T. J. Brinkley, Bethlehem Christian  
Executive Committee ..... Rev. Thomas Britton, Lynnhaven Colony  
Douglas McClain, Great Bridge  
Trustees ..... Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Oakland  
Mr. Floyd Turner, Suffolk

Representative to the Virginia Council of Churches:

Rev. John Lackey, Bayview  
Rev. Merle Sollinger, Waverly  
Mrs. Wilkerson Holland, Holland

Representative to the Chaplain's Service:

Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Jr., Portsmouth United

Representative to the Alcohol Education Council, Inc.

of Virginia Churches ..... Rev. Joseph Talley, Richmond First

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Robert Bennett  
Mrs. Raye V. Knight  
Rev. Carroll Lewis, Chairman

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**Of The**  
**ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**of**  
**THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**  
**An Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the**  
**United Church of Christ**

The 149th Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, an Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ opened its first session Thursday, October 30th, 1969 at the Great Bridge United Church of Christ, Chesapeake, Virginia, with delegates attending from the Eastern Virginia Conference (Convention of the South) with a service of worship conducted by Rev. Carl E. Wallace, President of the Eastern Virginia Conference, an Acting Association and Rev. Zanda Jenkins, President of the Eastern Virginia Conference (Convention of the South). The worship service closed with a song and prayer by Rev. Zanda Jenkins.

Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister of the Southern Conference, introduced Dr. Harold H. Wilke, Executive Director For Church and Ministry, United Church of Christ, who delivered the key note address of the morning.

An intermission of ten minutes was given after which Rev. Carl E. Wallace, President of the Eastern Virginia Conference, an Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, called the 149th Session to order.

The Secretary called the roll of the churches, with 18 ministers and 80 delegates answering the roll call. There were no delegates present from the following churches: Barrett's; Bethlehem, Disputanta; Centerville; Cypress Chapel; Dendron; Eure; Hopewell; New Lebanon; Oak Grove; Richmond; Spring Hill; Union Surry; Rosemont.

Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Area Minister was introduced, who in turn introduced the following new ministers, who have come into this area since the last Annual Conference: Rev. Arthur G. Seabury; Rev. Donald Sledge; Rev. Edwin G. Mendenhall; Rev. Tracy D. Floyd, Jr.; Rev. Bert E. Martin; and Rev. Charles L. Smith.

Rev. Simmons also introduced the following visiting ministers: Dr. W. W. Snyder; Rev. James Riddle; Rev. Dale Doverspike and Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., also Mr. Robert Stogner.

**Voted: EVC '69, 1**

Motion that the program as presented and printed in the Report Book be the order of the day, subject to such changes that are necessary.

The President appointed the following committees:

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** — Mr. Richard Holland, Chairman, Rev. Morris Taylor, Mrs. C. V. Hargrove.



RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE — Rev. John Lackey, Chairman, Rev. Conrad Cornelius, Mrs. Gary C. Floyd.

Rev. Arthur Seabury, Pastor of the Great Bridge United Church of Christ brought greetings from the Host Church.

The President called for the reports from the Standing Committees.

## REPORTS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEES

### Church and Ministry

Motion that the report on Church and Ministry be received. (See Exhibit No. 1)

**Voted: EVC '69, 2**

### Stewardship and Our Christian World Mission

**Voted: EVC '69, 3**

Motion that the report on Stewardship and Our Christian World Mission be received.

### Evangelism and Worship

**Voted: EVC '69, 4**

Motion that the report on Evangelism and Worship be received.

### Christian Education

**Voted: EVC '69, 5**

Motion that the report on Christian Education be received.

### Lay Life and Work

**Voted: EVC '69, 6**

Motion that the report on Lay Life and Work be received.

### Christian Social Action

**Voted: EVC '69, 7**

Motion that the report on Christian Social Action be received.

### Virginia Council of Churches

**Voted: EVC '69, 8**

Motion that the report on Virginia Council of Churches be received.

### Historical and Memoirs

**Voted: EVC '69, 9**

Motion that the report on Historical and Memoirs be received.

The Annual Meeting of the Christian Missionary Association was then called and Mr. E. E. Waterfield, President of the Christian Missionary Association called the Annual Meeting of the Christian Missionary Association to order and introduced Dr. John McLeod, Executive Secretary, Norfolk Presbytery, Presbyterian Church U. S., who spoke on "Our Ecumenical Adventure at Green Run Community."

Dr. W. W. Snyder, Executive Director, Elon Home for Children, was introduced and spoke on the work at the Children's Home.

The Conference recessed for lunch and fellowship. The lunch was served in the Social Hall of the Host Church by the Ladies of the Church.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

The afternoon session was called to order by the President, Rev. Carl E. Wallace.

The singing of a hymn was followed by prayer by Rev. Donald Sledge, Pastor of the Norfolk Central United Church of Christ.

The President called for the reports of the Auxiliary Fellowships.

#### **Church Women**

**Voted: EVC '69, 10**

Motion that the report of the Church Women be received as information.

#### **Churchmen's Fellowship**

**Voted: EVC '69, 11**

Motion that the report of the Churchmen's Fellowship be received as information.

#### **Southern Conference Youth Fellowship**

**Voted: EVC '69, 12**

Motion that the report of the Southern Conference Youth Fellowship be received as information.

#### **Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship**

**Voted: EVC '69, 13**

Motion that the report of the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship be received as information.

#### **Church School Convention**

**Voted: EVC '69, 14**

Motion that the report of the Church School Convention be received as information. (See Exhibit No. 2)

**Voted: EVC '69, 15**

Motion that the report on Church and Ministry given by Dr. Millard Stevens be approved. (See Exhibit No. 1)

The Service of Recognition was conducted by Dr. Millard Stevens.

Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. was introduced by the President. Dr. Lightbourne, the Conference Minister, gave a most informative report of his work and also a most interesting talk about our morning speaker, Dr. Harld H. Wilke, Executive Director for Church and Ministry, who was born without arms.

Rev. L. Bill Simmons was introduced and gave his report as the Virginia Area Minister.

Mr. Charles Hutcheson of Elon College, N. C., spoke on Elon College in place of Dr. J. Earl Danielely, who was unable to attend.

Rev. Myron S. Miller, Executive Secretary for the Virginia Council of Churches, addressed the Conference on the work of the Virginia Council of Churches.

The Conference recessed for a short period.

The Conference was again called to order by the President, Rev. Carl E. Wallace.

The Secretary was instructed to read the minutes of the last Annual Session.

Motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed, inasmuch as the minutes are printed in the Report Book.

**Voted: EVC '69, 16**

The report of the Treasurer was called for. The Treasurer being absent, Mr. Richard Holland, Chairman of the Audit Committee, gave the following report.

"The Audit Committee reviewed the report of the Treasurer as printed in the Report Book and found it correct as printed."

**Voted: EVC '69, 17**

Motion that the report of the Audit Committee be received. (See Exhibit No. 3)

**Voted: EVC '69, 18**

Motion that the report of the Secretary be received.

**Voted: EVC '69, 19**

Motion that the report of the Christian Missionary Association be received.

**Voted: EVC '69, 20**

Motion that the report of the Alcohol-Narcotics Education Council, Inc. of Virginia Churches be received.

**Voted: EVC '69, 21**

Motion that the Conference contribute \$150.00 to the Alcohol-Narcotics Education Council, Inc. of Virginia.

Mr. James F. Darden, Vice President of the Conference, was asked to take the Chair and report the actions of the Executive Committee during the past year. Mr. Darden informed the Conference the work of Committee and its actions during the year.

**Voted: EVC '69, 22**

Motion that the report of the Executive Committee be received and its actions approved. (See Exhibit No. 4)

The Secretary was asked to read the Enabling Resolution.

The Enabling Resolution was read in its entirety. (See Exhibit No. 5)

**Voted: EVC '69, 23**

The motion was AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT THE ENABLING RESOLUTION BE AMENDED TO STRIKE OUT ALL REFERENCES TO "INCORPORATION" AND THE SECRETARY BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH EDITORIAL CHANGES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

**Voted: EVC '69, 24**

That the amendment be adopted.

The motion was AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

UNDER ITEM 3, PARAGRAPH "A" TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. ASSIGNS, TRANSFERS, CONVEYS, AND VESTS ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, POWERS, FRANCHISES, INTEREST IN AND TO EVERY SPECIES OF PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL AND MIXED, AND ALL THINGS IN ACTION BELONGING TO IT TO THE EASTERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, INC.

**Voted: EVC '69, 25**

That the amendment be adopted.

After a lengthy discussion by the delegates and ministers for and against the passing of the Enabling Resolution the question was called.

The President called for the vote and not being able to determine, called for a standing vote. Being counted the vote showed:

FOR THE ENABLING RESOLUTION ..... 67

AGAINST THE ENABLING RESOLUTION ..... 34

**Voted: EVC '69, 26**

That the Enabling Resolution, with the amendments which were added be adopted. For—67                      Against—34

The vote was challenged, the delegates stating that more votes had been counted than delegates present.

The Registration stated that a number of ministers and delegates had arrived since the registration sheet had been given to the Secretary.

This explanation was satisfactory and the delegate with-drew his challenge.

The President called for the report of the Resolution Committee.

**Voted: '69, 27**

That the report of the Resolution Committee be approved and adopted.

**Voted: EVC '69, 28**

Motion that the Steering Committee (Executive Committee) plan an organizational meeting at a convenient time and place in the Spring of 1970;

That a Nominating Committee be appointed by the Steering Committee (Executive Committee) to report at this meeting;

That a revised constitution based upon the present form being studied with amendments received in the interim, be offered for consideration and/or adopted at this meeting.

The President stated that this concluded the business session and that the Conference would reconvene for a joint Worship Service with the Eastern Virginia Conference (Convention of the South) at the Providence United Church of Christ at 7:30 P.M.

### **Evening Service of Worship**

After the Evening Service of Worship the Conference adjourned.

This brought to a close 149 years of work and fine fellowship with the churches of the Christian Denomination and the Congregational Christian Denomination. Out of this came the Christian Missionary Association, the Sunday School Convention, the Women's Organizations, the Men's Fellowship

and the work of our Young People. It is our wish and our prayers that greater things will be accomplished in the new Eastern Virginia Association all for the Glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

W. H. Baker, Secretary  
Rev. Carl E. Wallace, President

## **EXHIBIT No. 1**

### **COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND MINISTRY**

The Committee on Church and Ministry has had five formal meetings during the past year with extended personal interviews with all those who requested such interviews. In full agreement we present herewith our report to the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches (Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ).

#### **IN-CARE**

**Joseph Eugene Talley**—A member of the First Church, Richmond, and a Junior at the University of Richmond. We recommend him highly as a student for the Ministry.

#### **LICENTIATES**

**Mrs. Wilkerson Holland**—For fourteen months prior to mid-Summer of this year, Mrs. Holland served effectively as Supply Pastor of her home church, Holland Christian Church. She continues to render services where she is needed in our churches. We recommend that she be continued as a Licentiate for the next year.

**Mr. F. Russell Baker**—A member of the First Church, Richmond, a graduate of the University of Richmond. He graduated from the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond this past Spring. He served this Summer as Supply Pastor of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Richmond. In September he went to Indianapolis for Hospital Clinical work for the next year. The Committee on Church and Ministry recommended to the Executive Committee of the Conference that Mr. Baker be granted status as a Licentiate in this Conference and, by vote of the Executive Committee, a Service of Licensure was conducted in the Richmond Church for Mr. Baker by the Pastor, The Reverend Joseph Talley, in September. We recommend that Mr. Baker be continued as a Licentiate for one year.

#### **LAY MINISTERS**

**Mrs. Walter Graham**—Mrs. Graham has rendered valuable service in this area during the past year, especially among youth groups. She gave to the committee an enthusiastic report of her work and requested to be continued in the status of Lay Minister for the next year. We recommend that she be continued as a Lay Minister for the next year.

**Mr. E. C. Smith**—Mr. Smith reported to the committee that he had done some supply preaching and rendered other services in his home church, Eure, N. C.,



and in other churches during the past year. At his request, we recommend that he be continued as a Lay Minister for the next year.

**Mr. James C. Strickland**—Mr. Strickland failed to respond to the request of the committee for a report or to the committee's invitation to meet with us. We recommend that he be discontinued as a Lay Minister.

### **ASSOCIATION, OR LIMITED ORDINATION**

For some years we have had a category in the Ministry of our Churches of Association, of Limited Ordination, whereby the Association, or the Conference, would grant Limited Ordination to a man to serve a local Church or Churches within the Association or Conference who could not qualify for full ordination. This status was granted for one year at a time so long as a man continued to serve either as Pastor or in some related institutional work. This category is no longer recognized in our churches. We now have five men holding this status in the Eastern Virginia Conference. They are:

George Core—Pastor of Little Creek Church

Conrad Cornelius—Pastor of Hopewell and Prince George Churches

W. B. Daniel—Inactive

Jack LaMonte—Chaplain, Prison Camp

Morris Taylor—Pastor of Sunbury, Damascus Church

All the active members of this group have served faithfully and well in their places of responsibility for a considerable number of years. Their loyalty and commitment to Christ and the United Church of Christ is without question.

Our area is the only one remaining with men in this category of the Ministry of our Church. To terminate this category in our area and to bring uniformity of the Ministry in our area, we recommend the following:

In order to make uniform the Ministry of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, the Eastern Virginia Conference (Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ) hereby grants full standing as Ministerial Members to those men now serving as Pastors, or in other approved positions, who hold standing in the Eastern Virginia Conference with Limited Ordination, namely; George Core, Conrad Cornelius, Jack F. LaMonte, and Morris Taylor. That they be granted full standing as of this Conference Session. All inactive men who hold Limited Ordination in this Conference as of this Conference Session are discontinued.

### **MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING TRANSFERRED**

#### **TO OTHER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ASSOCIATIONS**

The Reverend Carl T. Daye—Western North Carolina Association

The Reverend James D. Singletary, Jr.—to Western North Carolina Association

The Reverend Robert A. Bew, Sr.—to Northeast Florida Association

The Reverend William A. Cousins—to Southwest Michigan Association

#### **TO OTHER DENOMINATIONS**

The Reverend Willis E. Joiner—to Conservative Congregational Christian Conference

## MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING RECEIVED

### FROM OTHER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ASSOCIATIONS

The Reverend Arthur G. Seabury—from the Rhode Island Association of  
Congregational Christian Ministers  
(U. C. C.)

The Reverend Donald Sledge—from Western North Carolina Association

The Reverend Edwin G. Mendenhall—from Fairfield Connecticut Association

The Reverend Tracy D. Floyd, Jr.—from Eastern North Carolina Association

### FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

**The Reverend Bert Edmon Martin**—Mr. Martin is now pastor of the First United Church of Christ in Virginia Beach. He received his B. A. Degree from Howard Paine College in 1962 and his M. Div. Degree from Southeastern Baptist Seminary in 1968. He was ordained to the Ministry in the Southern Baptist Church. He has met all educational and other standards for full Ministerial Membership in the United Church of Christ.

We recommend Mr. Martin for full Ministerial Membership in the United Church of Christ in the Eastern Virginia Conference (Acting Association).

**The Reverend Charles L. Smith**—Mr. Smith is pastor of our Church in Franklin. He attended Mars Hill College and received his B. A. Degree from Wake Forest University in 1950 and his B. D. Degree from Crozer Theological Seminary in 1955. He has had one year of Clinical training in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C. He was ordained to the Baptist Ministry in Second Baptist Church of Richmond in 1955. He served as Chaplain in the State Hospital at Williamsburg before accepting the Call to the Franklin Church.

We recommend Mr. Smith for full Ministerial Membership in the Eastern Virginia Conference (Acting Association), United Church of Christ.

## PRIVILEGE OF CALL

The status of Privilege of Call is a means of transition for a Minister of another denomination who desires to enter the Ministry of the United Church of Christ. Only those Ministers who can qualify for full Ministerial Standing in the United Church of Christ are granted Privilege of Call. When this status is granted it means that he is available for Call to a United Church of Christ and qualifies for full Ministerial Membership in the United Church of Christ, if and when he receives and accepts such a Call. Since the last session of Conference three men have sought and received from the committee Privilege of Call. This is issued for one year and is renewable.

**The Reverend B. A. Lawrence** is a Minister in the Virginia Conference of United Methodist Church. He is an older man, who entered the Ministry of the Methodist Church after World War II, previously he was a professional musician. He received his A. B. Degree from Randolph Macon College in 1967. His theological training was done over a period of five summers in attendance at the Pastor's School at Duke University and other directed home studies. He has served Methodist Churches in Virginia for more than nine years while pursuing his studies.

**The Reverend Dale E. Doverspike**, Chaplain in the United States Navy, will soon complete twenty years of service in the Navy. His Ministerial Standing is now in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, by way of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, which United with the Methodist Church. He received his B.A. Degree from Asbury College in 1950 and his B. D. Degree from Evangelical Seminary in 1953. He is presently stationed at the Navy Public Works Center, Norfolk. He will complete his Navy Assignment on March 1, 1970.

**The Reverend David L. Crook**, Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Franklin, Virginia, is a young man of excellent personality, character, and ability. Mr. Crook is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of the Yale Divinity School. He is an Ordained Minister of the Southern Baptist Church. He is well informed concerning the history, polity and work of the United Church of Christ.

The Chairman would like to record his deep appreciation to all the members of this committee. They have all been faithful in their attendance at the meeting of the committee and have shared most responsibly in the task which has been ours.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Millard Stevens, Chairman  
H. S. Harcastle  
Carl Martin  
Rosser Lee Clapp  
Merle Sollinger  
Robert Bennett  
John Lackey

## EXHIBIT No. 2

### CHURCH SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 100th session of the Eastern Virginia Conference Church School Convention was held at the Bethlehem Church, Suffolk, Virginia, on Tuesday, September 23, 1969 at 6:30 p.m.

The celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Convention began with a delicious meal served by the host church. The program centered around the theme: "Christian Education — "Retrospection, Perspection." Miss Elizabeth Longwell, Director of Christian Education of the Virginia Council of Churches, spoke on the theme. Her address included remarks on the changes and needs of our time, the need for specialized ministries and studies, and the role of Christian Education in our changing society. This was followed by questions and comments which were interesting and informative.

The Reverend L. Bill Simmons, Virginia Area Minister, shared facts about the first Sunday Schools in this country and then presented a chart showing the decline in the Church School enrollment. He reminded us that the Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Virginia Conference began in July, 1869.

The minutes of the secretary and reports of the treasurer were approved. A total of \$809.78 was collected in 1968 through Church School Apportionments. The treasurer reported the following disbursements: A. B. Dick Company (folding machine for Virginia Area Office) \$263.12; Virginia Council of Churches \$250.00; and the Southern Conference (for Camp Moonelon) \$250.00. A total of \$392.66 was collected at the meeting from Church School Apportionments. The Convention voted that after all expenses had been paid, the remaining funds be equally divided between the Moonelon Improvement Program and the Virginia Council of Churches. The Virginia Area Minister was authorized to do whatever necessary to take care of terminating the finances of the Convention.

The Reverend Bill Simmons explained that the Church School Convention no longer fulfilled the needs within the present framework of our Christian Educational Program and moved that the Eastern Virginia Church School Convention be terminated. The motion was carried unanimously.

The President made the following report:

"We realize that one of the most serious problems in our local churches today is that of Christian Education and Christian Leadership. Church Schools without Christian teachers and lay people without information concerning the great enterprises and endeavors of the church are symptoms which need our attention. Many radical and drastic changes are taking place in this generation including the methods and techniques of the teaching-learning process. As ministers, teachers, superintendents and lay people, let us make earnest efforts to create an atmosphere that will deepen our faith in God and show our love for our fellowman. There is a great need in our church schools today for us to devote serious, persistent, intelligent attention to the spirit and moral needs of our fellowman, as well as his physical and social needs.

The executive committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for your support through your contributions and apportionments to the Church School Convention, your participation in the Sunday School Superintendents meetings and the Workers Conferences, the Committee On Christian Education, and your interest and efforts in promoting the Gospel of Christ."

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rosser L. Clapp, President

### **EXHIBIT No. 3**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

1968-1969

#### **RECEIPTS**

Balance September 30, 1968 .....	\$ 3,122.68
Interest on Savings Account .....	97.88
	<b>\$ 3,220.56</b>

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Richard J. Holland — postage and telephone calls .....	\$ 27.48
Bill Simmons — postage .....	4.08

W. H. Baker — secretary's salary and expenses .....	106.56
Donald W. Caffee — year book and programs .....	107.00
First United Church of Christ — telephone calls .....	10.77
Stanley Wagner — packets for conference .....	10.67
Phillip F. Kahal — social action materials .....	13.10
Chaplains Service — contribution .....	100.00
Lafayette Wilkins — travel expense .....	14.80
Central Distribution Service — literature .....	21.72
Carl E. Wallace — travel expense .....	7.60
Carl E. Wallace — one-half tuition fee for three .....	22.50
First United Church of Christ — telephone .....	3.16
Council for Church and Ministry — manuals .....	12.00
The Stewardship Council — operation banners .....	5.00
Lynnhaven Colony United Church — telephone calls — workshop .....	5.16
Concerned, Inc. — Half Way House .....	100.00
Dwight Moore — daily workshop materials .....	12.00
Carl E. Wallace — travel expense .....	17.20
Tidings — literature .....	29.85
United Church of Christ — manual .....	5.70
Suffolk Insurance Co. — honesty bond .....	5.00
Carroll W. Lewis — expenses to U. S. Congress on Evangelism .....	100.00
Carl E. Wallace — travel expenses .....	15.80
Total disbursements .....	<u>\$757.15</u>
Balance September 30th, 1969 .....	\$ 2,463.41
Savings Account — Farmers Bank of Windsor, Va. ....	\$2,127.88
Checking Account — Farmers Bank of Windsor, Va. ....	335.53
Total on Deposit .....	\$ 2,463.41

Respectfully submitted by  
Thomas J. Brinkley

#### EXHIBIT No. 4

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference (Acting Association) met four times during the Conference year at Suffolk Christian Church. Each meeting was conducted simultaneously with the other Acting Association (former Convention of the South) and a portion of the time was allocated for joint deliberations of common interest. The following action was voted:

**December 4, 1968**

**Voted:** That the following committees be the framework for the two Acting Associations:

1. Church and Ministry
2. Christian Education
3. Stewardship
4. Lay Life and Work



5. Evangelism and Worship
6. Historical
7. Christian Social Action

**Voted:** That the Fall Conference meet at the Great Bridge United Church of Christ, Chesapeake, Virginia.

**Voted:** That the Mid-Winter Workshop hold its meeting Sunday, January 26, 1969, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M., at the First Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**Voted:** That we pay \$100.00 to the Chaplain Service and \$100.00 to Concerned, Inc. (Half Way House).

**March 24, 1969**

**Voted:** That the matter of the Half Way House be tabled.

**Voted:** That letter from the Reverend Willis E. Joiner and Resolution from the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church be referred to the Committee on Church and Ministry (Dr. Millard Steverns, Chairman) and that his Committee meet with Mr. Joiner to ascertain his plan as they may relate to our denomination.

**May 27, 1969**

**Voted:** That the Executive Committee accept the Enabling Resolution as presented subject to such changes as necessary, and that sufficient copies be prepared to send to each church.

**Voted:** That the Reverend L. Bill Simmons, Area Minister, bring copies of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

**September 11, 1969**

**Voted:** That the Conference Treasurer be instructed to send a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the Reverend Carroll Lewis to cover expenses related to his attendance at the Evangelism Conference at Minneapolis.

**Voted:** That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Committee for Church and Ministry with reference to the licensing of Mr. F. Russell Baker, of Richmond, for one year; that the Reverend Joseph A. Talley, of First Congregational Christian Church (U. C. C.) Richmond, be authorized to arrange and conduct an appropriate Service of Licensure.

**Voted:** That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Area Minister, Mr. Simmons, the amount of \$56.00 to be used at his discretion to provide four scholarships to the Laity Retreat in Richmond, September 27-28.

**Voted:** That the Executive Committee ask the Area Minister to investigate the matter of property willed to the Conference, taking all



action required to bring the property under the control of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Wallace, Chairman  
James Darden, Vice-Chairman  
W. H. Baker, Secretary  
T. J. Brinkley, Treasurer  
Douglas McClain  
Thomas Britton  
L. Bill Simmons, Ex-officio

## **EXHIBIT No. 5**

### **ENABLING RESOLUTIONS**

#### **EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

#### **OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

(An Acting Association of the United Church of Christ)

WHEREAS, The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., has already been formed; and

WHEREAS, There were several Acting Associations of said Corporation at the time of the formation of same; and

WHEREAS, Article V Paragraph 5 of the Constitution of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., provides that "With the counsel and confirmation of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, the above bodies (Acting Associations) shall take the initiative in their reorganization into permanent Associations, which shall proceed with the utmost dispatch"; and

WHEREAS, The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches (former Southern Convention) Acting Association, hereinafter called THE CONFERENCE, has given study and consideration to the formation of the Eastern Virginia Association of the United Church of Christ;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

#### **1. THAT:**

THE CONFERENCE hereby joins with the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches (former Convention of the South) Acting Association in the formation of the Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., hereinafter called the Eastern Virginia Association; the boundaries of said Association to be the same as those described in Article VII Paragraph A in the By-Laws of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

#### **2. THAT:**

The Proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Eastern Virginia Associ-

ation be approved and adopted, subject to final approval and adoption by the delegates to the Organizational Meeting of said Association.

3. THAT:

In order to continue without break its historical continuity and legal identity, THE CONFERENCE hereby assigns and transfers its name into the proposed new permanent Association hereinafter named and shall, immediately upon the formation of the Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., operate under the name and title of said new Association as the context of the next succeeding paragraphs require, in the geographical location therein defined, THE CONFERENCE does hereby:

A. Assign its member churches, congregations and ministers, and further hereby assigns, transfers, conveys, and vests all the rights, privileges, powers, franchises, interests in and to every species of property, real, personal and mixed, and all things in action belonging to it to the Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. without the necessity of any other deed or instrument or act of transfer and all of such properties hereinabove described or referred to shall be deemed transferred and vested in said Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. effective the date of its organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, the Executive Committee of the Existing Conference will serve as Interim Executive Committee and form a part of the Steering Committee until the new Association is formed, and this Committee is hereby empowered and instructed to cause the President and Secretary to execute and deliver any and all necessary instruments to accomplish the formation of the Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, any cash assets held by THE CONFERENCE, as of the date of the formation of the Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., not designated specifically for other purposes shall be turned over to the new Association subject to whatever restrictions on use as are presently applied.

..... President

..... Secretary

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches (former Southern Convention) Acting Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc.







